

1-10-23 BCOS Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
 - a. Kristina Anderson- absent
 - b. Matt Austin - present
 - c. Kate-Lyn Edwards - present
 - d. Matt Flaherty - present, virtual
 - e. Aanya Jain- absent
 - f. David Maenner - present
 - g. Shawn Miya - present
 - h. Nejla Routsong - present
 - i. Joe Wyania - present
 - j. Nolan Hendon - present
 - k. Elisha Hardy - absent
 - l. Emma Ferguson - present
 - m. John Eldon - present
 - n. Jessica Davis - present
3. Approval of Agenda
 - a. No objections, approved
4. Approval of Minutes
 - a. No objections, approved
5. Public Comment (15-20 minutes, up to 3 minutes per person)
 - a. none
6. Report from Acting Chair
 - a. 2023 Commissioner Appointments
 - i. Elisha will not be serving another term
 - ii. 2 more vacancies will open up
 - iii. Mayoral appointments being sent out soon
 - iv. Commission website to be updated as happening
 - b. Executive Council Meeting
 - i. Ways to better run the commission
 - ii. Potential social events
 - iii. Onboarding process and materials
 - iv. Amendments to the by-laws
 - c. Co-Chair Transition
 - i. Joe, current co-chair, will not be serving another term
 1. Boing from Matt
 - ii. Wait until regular elections or holding them earlier than regular scheduled
 - iii. Have co-chair act as chair for February meeting and hold elections in March so new members can have chance to run for new position
 - d. New Member: Jessica Davis
 - i. Indiana University Director of Sustainability
 - ii. Filling seat of IU Office of Sustainability

7. Report from Staff Liaison- Lauren Clemens
 - a. Sustainability Newsletter
 - i. Revamped newsletter open to subscription
 - ii. Emailed quarterly
 - iii. Sign up on the commission website
 - iv. Programs, future commission news, etc.
 - b. 2023 SEEL Program
 - i. Grant program expanded to small businesses for solar efficiency
 - ii. \$25,000 for solar, \$10,000 for energy efficiency
 - iii. Website for information
 - c. Greater Indiana Leadership in Public Service Award- ESD
 - i. Implementation of the climate action plan
8. Report from Council Ex-Officio- Matt Flaherty
 - a. Council convinced after recess for a day to appoint positions to board, commissions, etc.
 - b. Matt Flaherty may remain on Commission as Ex-Officio but may not
 - c. Climate Action Plan Objective that may require legislature: Off road gas-powered equipment
 - i. Scheduling meetings to bring together constituents and other stakeholders
 - ii. Align with IU to work together on this goal
 - d. Interviewing for appointments soon if wanting to remain in commission seat
 - i. Council responsible for about half of commission seats
9. Reports from Commissioners
 - a. Just Transition- Nejla
 - i. Kate-Lyn joined working group
 - ii. Discussed possible goals and areas of research based on local issues
 1. Homeless mortality data-tracking
 2. Fossil fuel non-proliferation
 - b. Heat Task Force- Shawn
 - i. Submitted application for CAPA Strategies
 - ii. Should know by end of February if selected
 - iii. 2 Members from community have joined
 1. Staff Member from Fire Department
 2. Staff Member from department of Transportation
 - iv. Going through city and county plans to make sure they are duplicating
 - c. Waste Management- Matt Austin
 - i. Trial run of Compost Captains Program
 1. 8 neighbors currently joined, possibly 2 more
 - ii. Focusing on integrating "bokashi"
 1. A natural fertilizer
 2. Much more efficient way to break down food waste
 3. Keeps more of the nutrients
10. Discussions Not Resolutions

- a. Local Composting Landscape Presentation [Wynia]
 - i. Will send out the packet following the meeting
 - ii. Monroe County Solid Waste Management District commissioned a mixed waste processing feasibility study
 - 1. Waste Composition Study: compostable made up 46.9% (26.5% was food waste) of total waste stream
 - 2. The District then requested the Organic Waste Recovery Analysis
 - a. 118,070 tons of mixed waste being generated by local populations (IU included)
 - iii. Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM)
 - iv. IDEM: Specific standards of compost piles
 - 1. Not exceed six feet in height, enclosed at ground level and be rodent-resistant
 - v. IDEM: Registered Compost Facilities
 - 1. Green Earth- ceased all food waste operations in January 2022
 - 2. Fable Farms (Earthkeepers)
 - 3. Mary's Children- for private grounds use only
 - 4. Good Earth- yard waste, no food waste
 - 5. Indiana University- for grounds landscaping only
 - 6. City of Bloomington- for city operations only
 - vi. Earthkeepers
 - 1. Curbside pickup
 - 2. Drop-off sites
 - 3. Events and commercial sites
 - vii. City of Bloomington Utilities going through feasibility study for Dillman Road wastewater treatment plant conversion to anaerobic biodigestion
 - viii. BCOS' Waste Reduction working group will continue to work on CAP goals

11. New Business

- a. Bloomington Commission on Sustainability 2023 Community Grant Program
 - i. Examples- Lucas County, Flagstaff, Longmont
 - ii. BCOS has had no grants in the past
 - iii. Program to collect and review applications on a yearly basis
 - iv. Another avenue to increase engagement
 - v. Funds will be to go out to other community efforts that the commission will review
 - 1. Can be used for working group activities but not main goal
 - vi. Will provide metrics towards an annual report, etc.

12. Adjournment

- a. 7:27 pm