

Tuesday, February 14, 2023 BCOS Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
 1. Matt Austin - present, in-person
 2. Kate-Lyn Edwards - present, online
 3. Matt Flaherty - absent
 4. David Maenner - present, in-person
 5. Shawn Miya - absent
 6. Nejla Routsong - absent
 7. Nolan Hendon - present, in person
 8. Emma Ferguson - present, in person
 9. John Eldon - absent
 10. Jessica Davis - present, online
 11. Hannah Gregory - present, in person
3. Approval of Agenda
 1. No objections, approved
4. Approval of Minutes
 1. No objections, approved
5. Public Comment (15-20 minutes, up to 3 minutes per person)
 1. Don Eggert of the Environmental Commission
 2. Expressed interest in outreach, work together on common issues
 3. His commission wants to have meetings with other commission representation
 - a. Biodiversity, green canopy, etc.
 - b. Guest coming in from MC (emcee?) Iris
 - c. Thursday this week, 6 pm at City Hall
6. Report from Acting Chair
 1. Quorum? there is because of newly updated bylaws
 2. New member orientation
 - a. Lauren put together packet for new members with baseline info
 - b. Commissioners to review and bring back changes to be approved
 3. New member - Hannah Gregory introduction!
 - a. Graduated from SPEA in 2019
 - b. "Tree-focused" person
 - c. Part-time arborist for IU
 - d. Worked on lots of sustainability projects, etc.
7. Report from Staff Liaison - McKaylyn
 1. Lauren's Transition
 - a. Accepted new position in Washington
 - b. McKaylyn acting staff liaison until position is filled
 - i. Questions to be fielded by her until position is filled
 2. Update on vacancies/appointments
 - a. 3 vacancies - 2 common council, 1 mayoral appointments
 - b. Council interviews took place February 1st, council vacancies still in progress

- c. Mayoral appointments still in progress
- 3. Earth Day update
 - a. Zero In Bloomington community challenge
 - b. Bingo board with sustainability actions
- 4. Save the Date for community event
 - a. EV Test Drives
- 5. Update on Neighborhood Sustainability Grants
 - a. Work in progress - researching successful programs in other cities
 - b. Program waiting until position is filled - should anticipate a more formal update won't be until at least April
- 8. Report from Council Ex-Officio
 - 1. Matt Flaherty will be continuing in his role as council ex-officio for Bloomington Commission on Sustainability
 - 2. Holding a meeting next Tuesday to gather input from staff and public about fazing out gas powered motors
- 9. Reports from Commissioners
 - 1. Heat Task Force - Nolan
 - a. Continuing to review other plans so not to duplicate work
 - b. A few new members including new commission member, Hannah Gregory
 - c. Working on some outreach materials
 - d. Waiting to hear about heat mapping grant
 - 2. Waste Management - Emma
 - a. Working on setting year goals
 - b. Starting to expand outline of Compost Captains Proposal
 - c. Matt Austin made comment to state that the City is not officially sponsoring his local Compost Captain Trial Run
 - 3. Just Transition - Kate-Lyn
 - a. Worst wage disparity in the state
 - b. Trying to put a number to the death toll of the unhoused in Bloomington
 - c. Get staff contact with the county, work on creating relationships to gain statistical info
- 10. Discussions Not Resolutions
 - 1. Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty (Nejla)
 - a. Pass along to next meeting
 - 2. New Member Selection and Onboarding Process (David)
 - a. Working on a more streamlined process of adding new members
 - b. Flow of communication
 - 3. Work on a more refined mission statement
 - 4. Social Gathering after March meeting
 - a. Invite environmental commission
 - 5. Project management educational presentation?
 - a. Brief concepts and tools
 - b. David will look into
 - 6. The Callery (Bradford) Pear Tree Problem

- a. City has adopted a 10 year plan to remove and replace callery pear trees
 - b. IU Arborists working to remove and replace on campus
 - c. Efforts with MC Iris
 - d. Can kill the trees by drilling into the base of the tree
 - e. Bluestone Tree offers discounted tree removal for this species
- 7. SDGs vs City Climate Action Plan
 - a. SDGs more broad goals as sustainability applies to just more
- 11. Resolutions for First Reading
- 12. Resolutions for Second Reading
- 13. New Business
- 14. Adjournment
 - 1. Dave moves, Matt seconds