



City of Bloomington
Environmental Commission

The mission of the Environmental Commission is to advise the City of Bloomington on how its actions and policies may preserve and enhance the quality of Bloomington's environment, including the life-supporting processes that natural ecological systems provide to humans and other organisms.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEMORANDUM from REGULAR SESSION

May 18, 2023, 6:00 PM
Hooker Meeting Room # 245
Hybrid meeting

Join Zoom Meeting here:

<https://bloomington.zoom.us/j/85294590509?pwd=ZStiRStsK21NNUthRnkwTINmZEExdz09>

or on Community Access Television Service (CATS),
<https://catstv.net/government.php>.

Auxiliary aids are available upon request with adequate notice.

1. Call to order and quorum confirmation:

2. Introductions and Roll Call:

A. In person: Connor Wright, Carrie Albright, Don Eggert, Karena Tankersley, Matt Caldie, Mike Litwin, and Shannon Gayk

B. Via Zoom: David Parkhurst, Mitchell Owens

Absent: Megan Murphy, Kristen Mann

3. Approval of March 16, 2023 minutes:*

A. Roll call vote

Connor Wright	YEA	
Carrie Albright	YEA	
Don Eggert	YEA	
Karena Tankersley		Abstain
Matt Caldie	YEA	
Mike Litwin	YEA	
Shannon Gayk		Abstain
David Parkhurst (Zoom)	YEA	
Mitchell Owens (Zoom)		Abstain

Megan Murphy	N/A	
Kristen Mann		N/A

4. Public comment: Limit 5 minutes per person, 20 minutes total

5. Old business:

- a. College/Walnut corridor study participation discussion
- b. UDO update discussion regarding riparian buffers

6. New business:

- a. Air quality report
- b. Feedback on website updates
- c. Consideration of submitting letter of support to Bloomington Urban Forester for Urban Forestry grant*

Connor Wright	YEA	
Carrie Albright	YEA	
Don Eggert	YEA	
Karena Tankersley		YEA
Matt Caldie	YEA	
Mike Litwin	YEA	
Shannon Gayk		YEA
David Parkhurst (Zoom)	YEA	
Mitchell Owens (Zoom)	YEA	
Megan Murphy	N/A	
Kristen Mann		N/A

d. Discussion of supporting urban forester receiving grant and David Parkhurst emailing letter to commissioners for edits and submission prior to June 1*

Connor Wright	YEA	
Carrie Albright	YEA	
Don Eggert	YEA	
Karena Tankersley		YEA
Matt Caldie	YEA	
Mike Litwin	YEA	
Shannon Gayk		YEA
David Parkhurst (Zoom)	YEA	
Mitchell Owens (Zoom)	YEA	
Megan Murphy	N/A	
Kristen Mann		N/A

7. Reports from: Tree Commission (TC), Monroe County Environmental Commission (MCEC), Bloomington Commission on Sustainability (BCOS), Environmental Resource Advisory Council (ERAC), Metropolitan Planning Organizing-Citizens Advisory Council (MPOCAC), Friends of Lake Monroe (FOLM), & Monroe County-Identify and Reduce Invasive Species (MC-IRIS).

8. Commissioner announcements:

9. Adjournment:

* Item to be voted on

Next EC meeting: June 15, 2023, 6:00 p.m., Hooker Room, Zoom, and CATS

Statement on public meetings during public health emergency

As a result of Executive Orders issued by the Governor, Eric Holcomb, the Commission and its committees may adjust normal meeting procedures to adhere to guidance provided by state officials. These adjustments may include:

- allowing members of the Commission and its committees to participate in meetings electronically;*
- posting notices and agendas for meetings both by electronic means and physically.*
- using electronic meeting platforms to allow for remote public attendance and participation (when possible);*
- encouraging the public to watch meetings via Community Access Television Services broadcast or livestream, and encouraging remote substitution of public comment (via email, to environment@bloomington.in.gov).*

As a quorum of the Commission or its committees may be present, this gathering constitutes a meeting under the Indiana Open Door Law (I.C. § 5-14-1.5). For that reason, this statement provides notice that this meeting will occur and is open for the public to attend, observe, and record what transpires.

The Bloomington Environmental Commission (EC) wishes to acknowledge and honor the indigenous communities native to this region, and recognize that the City of Bloomington, Indiana was built on indigenous homelands and resources.