

2023-07-11 BCOS Meeting Minutes

1. Call to order
2. Roll Call
 1. Matt Austin - present, in person
 2. Kate-Lyn Edwards - present, in person
 3. Matt Flaherty - present, online
 4. David Maenner - present, in person
 5. Nejla Routsong - present, in person
 6. Nolan Hendon - absent
 7. Emma Ferguson - present, in person
 8. Jon Eldon - absent
 9. Jessica Davis - present, online
 10. Hannah Gregory - present, online
 11. Justin Vasel - present, in person
 12. Alex Hakes - present, in person
 13. Heidi Dowding - present, in person
 14. Dennis Vera - present, in person
3. Approval of Agenda
 1. Approved, no objections
4. Approval of Minutes
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5. Public Comment (15-20 minutes, up to 3 minutes per person)
 1. Don from Env. Commission -- Italy water crisis
 2. Joseph Wynia - invitation from Earth Charter Indiana Climate Leadership Summit in Gary, encourages everyone to come
6. Report from Acting Chair
7. Report from Staff Liaison
 1. BCOS Neighborhood Grant Program - in progress
 - i. Hoping to have it in place by next month
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 3. Climate Ready Communities Survey: <https://polco.us/se58d9>

- i. So far ~50 people have completed the survey, need more feedback, encourage us all to pass along the survey to our network
 - 1. Place in survey for folks to add their own comments
 - 2. Open until October 1st
 - ii. Earth Mama Compost based out of Indy, hoping that they can come to Bloomington to start operations here, working with MC Solid Waste District
 - 1. RFP process
 - 2. Composting facility is based out of Indy, though, so the benefits of the finished compost won't be directly benefiting Bloomington, but may be the best option until we have something local
 - 3. Could Earth Mama partner with Fable Farms to keep compost in Bloomington? RFP for other possible local farm partners?
 - iii. New members
 - 1. Heidi: product manager for circular economy company
 - 2. Dennis: PhD student in Environmental Health at O'Neill
8. Report from Council Ex-Officio
- 1. Council special committee continuing to look at board and commission reform
 - i. Beginning to review recommendations and kick back up in August after recess is up
 - 2. Possible increase in sanitation fees, commissioners have some equity concerns, talks of phasing out subsidy to alleviate these concerns
 - 3. College-Walnut corridor project ongoing with goals of helping achieve various city goals such as climate resilience
 - i. Should have proposed design plans in a few months to gain additional feedback from
 - 4. Long standing goal of creating safe bicycle/pedestrian corridors around Miller-Showers park to BHSN/Cascades
 - i. 3 options: Build a multi-use path, shut vehicle traffic down to one lane, close section of road to vehicle traffic entirely
9. Reports from Commissioners

1. Just Transition Working Group
 - i. Submitted EOY goals:
 1. Identify and assess implications of fossil fuel phase out in Bloomington
 2. Promote intersectional collaboration between city organizations, boards, and commissions
 3. Collaborate with Summit Hill and other equitable housing groups/orgs in effort to increase affordable housing
 - ii. Reached out to Liz at Duke Energy, will be meeting with them soon
 - iii. Reached out to Safe Cities organization, will be meeting with a rep soon
 - iv. Hoping to put together a presentation for commission to start conversation about international forces at play in climate change transition off of fossil fuels
2. Community Outreach
 - i. Justin sent out document for everyone to review about potential collaboration partners in Bloomington
 1. Need to prioritize them into groups based on which orgs are best aligned with commission
 2. Asking for connections to groups/orgs in the spreadsheet, inviting changes/updates to spreadsheet from commission members
 3. Next step will be finalizing engagement strategy
3. Waste Management
 - i. No major updates
 - ii. Discovered invasive jumping worm at Matt's urban farm
10. Discussions Not Resolutions
11. Resolutions for First Reading
12. Resolutions for Second Reading
13. New Business
 1. CAP (Community Advisory on Public Safety) report just released
 - i. Recommendations relate to BCOS goals
 - ii. Put forward a motion for BCOS to endorse recommendations, Neijla will be sending out report for BCOS members to review
 1. Recommendations for unarmed crisis response team

2. Indiana seeking NEVI funding, INDOT hosting first public meeting about implementations of level 2 and 3 EV charging stations across the state
 - i. Alex will be representing Greater Indiana Clean Cities
14. Adjournment

Next Meeting: August 8, 2023 at 6 pm