



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**

July 20, 2023, 6:00 PM
Hybrid meeting

Join Zoom Meeting here:

<https://bloomington.zoom.us/j/87950762521?pwd=UmQ4VjA1UnRaam5OUy9WNENrY1hiQT09>

or in person in the Hooker Room 245, Showers City Hall, 401 N. Morton St.
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: X Yes No
- 2. Introductions and Roll Call:

	IN PERSON	VIA ZOOM	NOT PRESENT
Carrie Albright	X		
Matt Caldie	X		
Don Eggert	X		
Shannon Gayk	X		
Mike Litwin	X		
Kristen Mann	X		
Megan Murphy	X		
Mitchell Owens	X		
David Parkhurst	X		
Karena Tankersley		X	
Conner Wright			X
Megan Bankowski		X	

3. Approval of May 18, 2023 minutes:*

A. Roll call vote

	YEA	NAY	ABSTAIN	NOT PRESENT
• Carrie Albright	X			
• Matt Caldie	X			
• Don Eggert	X			
• Shannon Gayk		X		
• Mike Litwin	X			
• Kristen Mann				X
• Megan Murphy			X	
• Mitchell Owens	X			
• David Parkhurst	X			
• Karena Tankersley		X		
• Conner Wright				X
• Megan Bankowski	X			

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

5. Old business:

a Vote on sending email regarding UDO changes*

	YEA	NAY	ABSTAIN	NOT PRESENT
• Carrie Albright	X			
• Matt Caldie	X			
• Don Eggert	X			
• Shannon Gayk		X		
• Mike Litwin	X			
• Kristen Mann		X		
• Megan Murphy	X			
• Mitchell Owens	X			
• David Parkhurst	X			
• Karena Tankersley		X		
• Conner Wright				X
• Megan Bankowski	X			

6. New business:

a. Introduction to EC position on the environmental impacts of changes to road/trail through Lower Cascades Park

b. Discussion about activating the water quality working group

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:

a. The phrase '100-year flood event' and ones like it are now misleading because the climate is changing so rapidly

b. airnow.gov gives up to date information about current air quality. It is updated every hour. The Bloomington reading apparently comes from measurements at one of the local schools.

c. Removed a large Callery pear near Southeast Park

d. Bug Fest is on 9/23/23. We will have an EC table. On 9/22/23 there is a nature sounds event focused on Katydid at Bryan Park. Event details here:

<https://bloomington.in.gov/parks/events/bug-fest>

9. Adjournment:7:34PM ET 7/20/2023

* Item to be voted on

Next EC meeting: August 17, 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.