

2023-09-12 BCOS Meeting Minutes

1. Call to order
2. Roll Call
 1. Matt Austin - present, in-person
 2. Kate-Lyn Edwards -
 3. Matt Flaherty - present, in-person
 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 - present, in-person
 9. Jessica Davis - absent
 10. Hannah Gregory - present, in-person
 11. Justin Vasel - present, in-person
 12. Alex Hakes - absent
 13. Heidi Dowding - present, in-person
 14. Dennis Vera - present, in-person
3. Approval of Agenda
 1. Approved, no objections
4. Approval of Minutes
 1. Approved, no objections
5. Public Comment (15-20 minutes, up to 3 minutes per person)
 1. Sara Carmona attending from BHSS's SAGE
 2. Joe Wynia -- One participating site and 3 households enrolled for a pilot launch of a compost initiative to stand in the place of Earth Keepers
6. Report from Acting Chair
 1. Green Drinks is back since the pandemic, will be monthly
 - i. September 27th at 6pm
7. Report from Staff Liaison
 1. BCOS Neighborhood Grant Program Update – Grant Agreements
 - i. Will need to set up grant agreements for low-income neighborhood applicants in order for them to receive funds upfront vs reimbursement process
 2. BCOS Working Group Grant Program Update
 - i. Ready to launch, but will launch at the same time as the neighborhood grant program

3. Climate Ready Communities Survey: <https://polco.us/se58d9>
 - i. Still live and available until October 1st
8. Report from Council Ex-Officio
 1. Project 46 mission to think regionally about climate change and sustainability
 - i. Catalent, Cook, and Cummins partners have implemented sustainability models
 - ii. Increase collective ambition and collaboration among municipalities
 1. Leverage funding opportunities such as the IRA
 - iii. Each municipalities contributing resources
 - iv. First steering committee was on Sept 11th
 - v. Anticipated working groups
 2. Sibling Cities hosting a series of town hall events this fall, one focused on climate change
 3. Special committee reconvening this week, will work towards resolutions about recommendations regarding commission combining, etc.
9. Reports from Commissioners
 1. Just Transition Working Group
 - i. Not able to meet this month
 2. Community Outreach
 - i. No major developments
 3. Waste Management
 - i. Working on an application for the BCOS grant
 - ii. Matt went to Climate Leadership Summit in Gary last month
 1. Talked about bokashi as a food waste reduction option
 - iii. City should consider collecting food waste if they purchase a biodigester
10. Discussions Not Resolutions
 1. Todd Thompson and Tracy Branam with Indiana Geological and Water Survey
 - a. Covered region's geology and how cores are documented
 - b. Development should be limited on Indiana limestone in order to preserve it
11. Resolutions for First Reading
12. Resolutions for Second Reading

1. CAPS Commission Alternative Public Safety Report
 - a. Report found 3 problem areas:
 - i. Barriers to access of housing, addiction treatment, and mental healthcare, and emergency services
 - ii. Conflicting goals and priorities within city departments
 - iii. Institutional gap in coordinating responses
2. Endorsement of Letter to the Mayor in Community Handout
 - a. BCOS vote on endorsing letter
 - b. Motion to vote, motion was seconded
 - c. Majority vote, motion approved to endorse letter
13. New Business
14. Adjournment

Next Meeting: October 10, 2023 at 6 pm