

2023-10-10 BCOS Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
 - a. Matt Austin - present, in person
 - b. Kate-Lyn Edwards - absent
 - c. Matt Flaherty - present, in person
 - d. David Maenner - present, in person
 - e. Nejla Routsong - absent
 - f. Nolan Hendon - present, in person
 - g. Emma Ferguson - present, in person
 - h. Jon Eldon - present, in person
 - i. Jessica Davis - absent
 - j. Hannah Gregory - present, in person
 - k. Justin Vasel - absent
 - l. Alex Hakes - absent
 - m. Heidi Dowding - present, in person
 - n. Dennis Vera - present, in person
3. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Approved, no objections
4. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Approved, no objections
5. Public Comment (15-20 minutes, up to 3 minutes per person)
 - a. No public comment
6. Report from Acting Chair
 - a. Resolution about combining BCOS and BEC, asked for feedback on clarity of BCOS role, goals, description for preparation to send to special committee
 - i. David would like to include SDG's in description
 - ii. Matt F. suggests we look at the entire scope of commission, including make-up of members, number of positions, etc.
 - iii. Matt F. suggests we include Climate Action Plan in description update
 - iv. Questions from Dennis about integrating Justice40 Initiative executive order into our purview
 - v. 2.12.100 muni-code is what established BCOS, members wil review and will talk about at next meeting
 1. Can also review BEC muni code to compare and contrast
7. Report from Staff Liaison
 - a. Shawn is absent today

8. Report from Council Ex-Officio
 - a. Sibling Cities town hall on Climate Action with Palo Alto pushed to December 3rd
 - i. Currently identifying presenters for event, outreach to high schools, IU's Students for a New Green World involved
 - ii. Town hall will be held at the MCPL
 - b. Special committee
 - i. Committee has asked all commissions to review their descriptions and purviews
 - ii. Plans to implement the recommendations (~4-10) regarding standardizing how boards and commissions operate within city government
 1. Clarifying the resources that commissions have access to, how they engage with the city/other commissions/the community, how they are trained and what level of expectations/time commitment there is for members to devote to their commission, etc.
 - iii. Study prepared for special committee looks at things from a business perspective, which has merit but also has limitations, might not be ideal for BCOS case to capture nuances between commission roles
 - c. Climate action committee meeting about plan to transition to electric equipment/vehicles, hope to involve city, IU, MCPL, etc. on joint effort to phase out FF powered equipment
9. Reports from Commissioners
 - a. Just Transition Working Group
 - i. Met and established priority projects
 1. Focus on houseless community
 - b. Community Outreach
 - c. Waste Management - Presentation by Ellee Spier about food waste pilot program
 - i. Looked into bokashi vs vermiculture forms of composting, initially favored vermiculture, above-ground composting after researching
 - ii. Developed a vermiculture program at Childs Elementary and Wonderlab
 - iii. Eventually transitioned to bokashi using buckets, would like to transition current neighborhood clients to this process
 - iv. Could potentially be scaled, but might require more work than traditional composting

1. However, quick turnaround time to final product
10. Discussions Not Resolutions
11. Resolutions for First Reading
12. Resolutions for Second Reading
13. New Business
- a. Green Drinks happening October 25th
14. Adjournment

Next Meeting: November 14, 2023 at 6 pm