

Dec 12, 2023 | BCOS Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
 - a. Matt Austin - present, in person, abstain
 - b. Kate-Lyn Edwards - present, in person
 - c. Matt Flaherty - present, in person
 - d. David Maenner - present, online
 - e. Nejlá Routsong - present, online
 - 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 - present, in person
 - l. Alex Hakes - absent
 - m. Heidi Dowding - absent
 - n. Dennis Vera - present, online
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. Prepare some points about progress towards end of year committee goals and send to Emma prior to January meeting
7. Report from Staff Liaison
 - a. 2023 & 2024 Climate Actions
 - i. Updates and progress towards 2023 goals and community collaboration on renewable energy projects, EE projects, fleet and equipment electrification and EV charging station, Hopewell neighborhood, Project 46 Regional Climate Alliance, Climate Resilience Plan, E-bike Voucher Program, BCOS Sustainable Neighborhood Grant Program, and GHG emissions
 - ii. 2024 projects include Climate Change Education Programs, Beat the Heat Program, Tree Canopy Expansion, Bus Stop Shelter Installation Project, Green Workforce Development Project, CAP dashboard
8. Report from Council Ex-Officio

- a. Changing terms for council and mayor at beginning of year
 - i. 5 new council members
 - b. Ongoing work of special committee on boards and commission processes
 - i. Had last meeting last week to finalize report
 - 1. Ended up focusing on process reform, suggesting to develop central role in the clerks office to help coordinate boards/commissions
 - 2. Combining/eliminating commissions, mostly talked about combining transportation related commissions, less support for BCOS and BEC to be combined
 - ii. Look at possible shared commitment across City, IU, and MCCSC to phase out use of non-electric vehicles OR seasonal/time restrictions of when gas power equipment can run, some other options on the table, too
 - iii. Project 46 continuing to move forward, hoping to get Monroe County on board
 - 1. Looking for feedback about what a project like this could aim to achieve, what tangible goals should be – what will be deliverables be?
9. Reports from Commissioners
- a. Just Transition Working Group
 - i. Meeting with a lot of for and non-profit community members
 - ii. Spencer from Ecologic interested in working on shared goals with BCOS
 - iii. Met with Nick from Indiana Recovery Alliance, brought him in to consult on intersections of environmental and social justice in our community, possible use of BCOS grant funds to support this
 - iv. Was planning on submitting a grant proposal for BCOS working group grant, some confusion about the deadline for proposals
 - v. Proposed chatting at January meeting about how we should plan out/budget internal grants for next year for a more strategic rollout
 - 1. Call for an internal, more casual review of what each working group is working on prior to a proposal being presented (present ideas as they come up)
 - vi. Matt Flaherty may request that unused \$10,000 to rollover to 2025 budget due to lack of access to the funds in 2023 because of legal issues, etc.

1. Mentioned that although it's not ideal, projects may be able to be approved with $\frac{2}{3}$ vote on same night it's proposed if time is of the essence
 - b. Community Outreach
 - i. No updates
 - c. Waste Management
 - i. Working on a proposal for 2024 funds for compost captains project
10. Discussions Not Resolutions
 - a. One neighborhood proposal received about implementing TerraCycle boxes
 - i. Program would fund 6 TerraCycle boxes in the Covenanter neighborhood
11. Resolutions for First Reading
 - a. Matt Flaherty calls motion to approve to vote the same night
 - b. Matt Austin seconds the motion
 - c. Vote:
 - i. Matt Austin - yes
 - ii. Kate-Lyn Edwards - yes
 - iii. Matt Flaherty - yes
 - iv. David Maenner - yes
 - v. Nejla Routsong - yes
 - vi. Nolan Hendon - yes
 - vii. Emma Ferguson - yes
 - viii. Jon Eldon - yes
 - ix. Jessica Davis - absent
 - x. Hannah Gregory - yes
 - xi. Justin Vasel - yes
 - xii. Alex Hakes - absent
 - xiii. Heidi Dowding - absent
 - xiv. Dennis Vera - yes
12. Resolutions for Second Reading
 - a. Matt Austin calls motion to approve application
 - b. Matt Austin seconds the motion
 - c. Vote:
 - i. Matt Austin - abstain
 - ii. Kate-Lyn Edwards - yes, with caveat that applicant present about project to BCOS
 - iii. Matt Flaherty - yes
 - iv. David Maenner - yes
 - v. Nejla Routsong - yes

- vi. Nolan Hendon - yes
 - vii. Emma Ferguson - yes
 - viii. Jon Eldon - yes
 - ix. Jessica Davis - absent
 - x. Hannah Gregory - yes
 - xi. Justin Vasel - yes
 - xii. Alex Hakes - absent
 - xiii. Heidi Dowding - absent
 - xiv. Dennis Vera - yes
13. New Business
- a. Grant mentorship for applicants
14. Adjournment
- a. Meeting adjourned

Next Meeting: January 9, 2024 at 6 pm