



**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 JULY 2024 MEETING MINUTES**

July 18, 2024, 6:00 PM  
Hooker Meeting Room # 245  
Hybrid meeting

Join Zoom Meeting here:

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Meeting ID: 635 944 1221

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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:

2. Introductions and Roll Call

	<u>In person</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Zoom</u>
Carrie Albright	X		
Megan Bankowski		X	
Nadia Cain	X		
Matt Caldie	X		
Shannon Gayk		X	
Mike Litwin	X		
Adam Martinez	X		
Megan Murphy	X		
Mitchell Owens	X		
David Parkhurst	X		
Gabby Robles		X	
Karena Tankersley			X
Rachael Sargent, City Liaison	X		
TBD, Graduate Fellow			

3. Approval of May 2024 & June 2024 minutes:*	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Carrie Albright	X		
Megan Bankowski			X
Nadia Cain	X		
Matt Caldie	X		
Shannon Gayk			X
Mike Litwin	X		
Adam Martinez	X		
Megan Murphy	X		
Mitchell Owens			X
David Parkhurst	X		
Gabby Robles			X
Karenn Tankersley			X

Megan M motioned to vote for approving May 2024 minutes, and David seconded. All present voted yes. Matt motioned to vote for approving June 2024 minutes, and David seconded. All present voted yes.

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

No public comments were made.

5. Old business:
- A. Cook 48 Resolution of Support\*
  - B. Heat Watch Campaign updates
  - C. Working group updates

- A. Cook 48 Resolution of Support
- Christopher Emgee explained to Matt that they are pursuing a bus model. Because this would be the first route that extends outside of City limits, they want to demonstrate public support, which this would offer. Matt suggested that we could accept the resolution as is, or propose amendments.
  - Matt stated that he personally supports the letter as is. Megan agreed.
  - Carrie brought up the discussion from June, in which Commissioners suggested that we request that Bloomington Transit follow-up with us or otherwise keep us informed on the state of the project.
  - David asked about the size of the campus and predicted ridership, which was clarified using online maps.
  - Carrie and Adam expressed support for the idea of follow-up.
  - Matt suggested that we could indicate our interest in follow-up without formally requiring it. Megan voiced strong support for this.

David motioned that we vote on the resolution, as is. Matt seconded. The motion was approved, with yes votes from: Carrie, Nadia, Matt, Mike, Adam, David, Megan, and Mitchell. Karenn Tankersley abstained.

- B. Heat Watch Campaign updates
- Nadia and Matt were successful in brainstorming locations for the air quality monitoring devices.

- C. Working group updates
- Mitchell - No WQ working group meeting this month.

- Karennia - No BDWG meeting this month.

## 6. New business

### A. Weed Wrangle planning

Megan M. volunteered to be the contact person for organizing a weed wrangle with MCIRIS.

## 7. Reports from:

- Tree Commission (TC)
- Environmental Resource Advisory Council (ERAC)
- Friends of Lake Monroe (FOLM)
- Bloomington Commission on Sustainability (BCOS)
- Monroe County-Identify and Reduce Invasive Species (MC-IRIS)

### David

- Tree Commission: A new person was appointed but has not shown up to the first two meetings.
- ERAC and FoLM: No reports.

### Others

- BCOS: No one is currently attending these meetings.
- MCIRIS: No one is currently attending.
  - MCIRIS meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed of month at 1 pm.

## 8. Commissioner announcements:

Mitchell found a unique large fly.

David added flies to his compost.

Karennia discussed some of her experiences in Portugal.

## 9. Adjournment: 6:55 pm

\* Item to be voted on

Next EC meeting: August 15, 2024, 6:00 p.m., Hooker Room, Zoom, and CATS

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-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.