



Bloomington Commission on Sustainability (BCOS) – 1.9.18 Meeting Minutes

Gwen called the meeting to order and greeted everyone.

Roll Call Roll call was taken.

Present: Dave Rollo, Teddie Mower, Nejla Routsong, Gwen White, Sneha Dave, Cynthia Bretheim, Brian Payne (substituting for Alex Crowley), Jane St. John

Regrets: Jana McGee, Chris Reinhart, Sheryl Woodhouse Keese, Andrew Predmore, Olivia Ranseen

Approval of Minutes

Dave Rollo moved to approve the December meeting minutes. Teddie seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

Announcements

- Teddie alerted everyone about multiple events.
 - Environmental Resilience Institute will host former EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy on 2/16/18.
 - She announced that Birdfest will occur in Bloomington this year. Birdfest workshop will take place on 2/17/18 for educators; attendees will be required to register for Birdfest.
- Ryan Conway stopped by, thanked everyone, and said farewell.
- Dave Rollo updated everyone on the deer cull at Griffy Lake and the City Council consideration of the Comprehensive Master Plan process. He summarized a couple of his pertinent proposed amendments. In light of one of the proposed amendments, Nejla and Dave discussed quality-of-life indicators.
- Gwen suggested that BCOS appoint a “to-do list” point person to track to-do items, deadlines, and responsible parties.
- Dave announced the interim density and height restrictions for the downtown overlay recently passed by Common Council. He also noted the upcoming hearing dates and times for those interested in attending.
- Sneha announced the Women’s Democratic Caucus meeting with Sen. Donnelly’s office this Friday 1/12.
- Gwen announced the City Transportation Plan public meeting opportunities.
- Nejla announced her colleague’s challenge to her mathematics students to come up with ways to estimate reduce their carbon footprint.

Public Comment No public comments.

Future Work Session Scheduling

Gwen said the doodle poll revealed that Tuesday evening was the best regular meeting day for BCOS going forward, once per month.

BCOS Strategic Plan

Gwen reacquainted folks with the draft document and the six strategic goals within. She also noted that each goal lists volunteer BCOS members to oversee pursuit of each strategic goal, as well as how success will be measured

for each goal. She then went over each strategic goal one-by-one. Sustainability Indicators - Gwen has experience teaching and consulting in this area.

Climate Action Plan

Teddie reached out to high school teachers to train students in classes or clubs to work toward a Climate Action Plan, and will ask City Council to talk with students.

- Two goals for work with students to understand:
 - climate change
 - the relationship between policy and City Planning
- Real goal is to move toward net carbon zero with high schools.
- Short term goal: see achievement goals on Plan II
- Asked City Council to talk with students.
- Objective is to produce a deliverable Climate Action Plan resolution to City Council

BCOS Sustainability Awards

There will be a survey monkey for commissioners to choose the non-profit portion of the Sustainability Awards, which will be presented at a City Council meeting.

Sustainability Action Plan

Jane St. John, City of Bloomington Department of Economic and Sustainable Development, is putting together steps for the City's Sustainability Action Plan.

- Gnarly Tree Sustainability Institute with co-founders Kenneth and Stephanie Richards won an RFP to assist in the development of the Sustainability Action Plan. There are equity and economic, air/water/food/transportation components.
- The program will start in Feb.
- Jane will meet with Alex Crowley and Kenneth and Stephanie to learn how they will execute this plan over 6 months.
- Jane will present this report to City Council.
- Jane asked BCOS to formally consider being an advisory source for Gnarly Tree Sustainability.

Opportunities for Collaboration

David talked about BCOS supporting City council through David Rollo in work with the Comprehensive Master Plan (CMP) and the formation of the UDO.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm