



City of Bloomington
Environmental Commission

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AGENDA

17 May 2018

City Hall—McCloskey Room, 401 North Morton Street

1. Introductions (7:00 - 7:05 p.m.)

- Stephen Feely, new TPT summer intern: Just finished 1st year MPA/MSES at SPEA, with Environmental Policy and Natural Resource Management. Undergrad BS in Environmental and Ecological Science.
- Present: Andy Marrs, Matt Caldie, Nick Kappas, Zoe Need, Mike Litwin, David Parkhurst
- Missing: Linda Thompson, Morgan, Erica Walker, Ramsay

2. Approval of minutes (7:05 - 7:10 p.m.)

- Dave: Wants to have PCB presentation to be included in April 2018 minutes, at least some acknowledgement.
- Minutes approved, motion by Dave, second by Mike subject to future amendment of PCB presentation.

3. Public comment (7:10 - 7:30 p.m.)

- No public comment

4. Discussion from Environmental Commission working groups (**B cycle**) (7:30 - 7:50 p.m.)

B Cycle

A. Outreach

- o Morgan, Nick, and Matt met: brainstormed potential ideas, no definition met on what to do. Talk of quarterly newsletter, social media pages, etc. Emphasis on reaching out to industry members and power players in Bloomington, and see how regulations affect them and their own best environmental practices to track and share.
- o Outreach going in conjunction with what we are doing for the UDO
- o Matt and Morgan possibly even want to develop a survey, to send out to private sector about their thoughts and feeling on env regs in Bloomington and the state, and get a baseline analysis of their views. This includes IU as well. Then can tailor our outreach accordingly.
- o Any outreach items give to Matt, take inventory of what we have.
- o Focus on what we currently have done, focus on BEAP and BHCP
- o Farmer's Market started in May, so we have two more months of peak season for outreach

B. ECPC/Planning Commission

- Plan commission on Monday (5/14) talked about pocket neighborhood. 20 of the 24 initial green practices are being carried over, but not all definitive in each individual house, but is part of the table. These are along short and maxwell. These are 800 square feet average, with each house to be marketed at \$250k-\$300k. Nick Challenged on universal design, which couldn't come up with definition. Petitioner acknowledged this is not affordable housing. Was passed by Plan commission, nothing really glaring holding this development back.
 - JB Salvage talked about putting drop off recycling center, community said that they have done this before saying will provide this and have land be redistricted to industrial general, after the fact changed to trash transfer station instead of recycling center. This previous event concerned community members, about if they will do this. Asked public services to conduct a survey to look at need for recycling services in this area with new city recycling. This will come back up to the Plan commission.
 - o Linda put in memo was concerned if incineration were to be included as recycling, JB said it would strictly be a series of recycling dumpsters for pick up not incineration
 - Fraternity asking to be relisted as residential pulled its petition
- C. Biodiversity
- No matters



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5. Old business (7:50 – 8:30 p.m.)

A. Mayor's Monarch Pledge update

- Another opportunity for EC to get into news
- Draft letter to the mayor is in Linda's hands
- Stephen is attending planning meeting for BugFest on Friday to try and have Mayor's Monarch Pledge Proclamation occur at this event. BugFest is scheduled to happen on June 23rd.
- Press release by 21st of June

B. UDO updates

- Clarion released their initial assessment document
- Dave attended one meeting, sitting in for Mike. Clarion was giving an overview of what they were going to do. No real mention of environmental topics during presentation. Mainly talked about streamlining chapter organization. No date for next release not stated.
- Mike sent Linda and Nick a list about water UDO updates, has a question about Clarion condensing a UDO want to combine Design and Dev standards wants to know how the EC feels about that
 - o Wants to know what updates have been made since the last time the UDO came out
 - Nick wonders if this may go to form based zoning (not caring the utility of building is, but the aesthetic of building is), unsure if Clarion is addressing this.
- Nick thinks we don't know what we are dealing with until it comes to us, is more going to be a sprint once it does, will be an all hands on deck situation. May end up with a few emergency meetings. The design and development standards being combined, may go to previous conversation about form based zoning (not caring the utility of building is, but the aesthetic of building is), unsure if Clarion is addressing this.

D. Updates from other commissions

- Tree commission moved to next week
- BCOS covered a referendum presented by Bloomington Highschool North, focused on environmental sustainability
- ERAC every two months
- Friends of Lake Monroe is next Thursday 6pm, Monroe county Library
 - o Believes there is a commitment for them to present to the EC June 21st EC meeting
- Nick suggests on collaboration and talking with Bike and Ped, just started sending memos to Plan commission

E. 2017 annual report

- Nick has not yet given this to the Mayor, hoping to have this done later this week

6. Commissioner announcements (8:30-8:45 p.m.)

- Matt mentions that meadow park apartments removed their recycling facilities, Matt contacted them and they are bringing them back as they had multiple complaints about this.
- Dane no announcements
- Mike: Friends of lake Monroe is having kayak and canoe trip in June and adopt a shoreline day in June. Mike will forward these events to the commission.
- Zoe will be at the EPA until August for the next few months
- Erin started at IDEM last week
- Andy no announcements
- Nick there are three open positions, waiting for them to be filled, 1 city council and 2 mayor. Going to Martha's vineyard next week for his wife's graduation from Brown.

7. Adjournment

Other meeting times

- A. Environmental Commission: 21 June, 7:00 p.m., McCloskey Room, City Hall
- B. EC Planning Committee: 30 May, 6 June, 4:00 p.m., Lemon Room, City Hall
- C. Tree Commission: 20 June, 9:30 a.m., Bryan Perk
- D. BCOS meeting: 12 June, 6:00 p.m., McCloskey Room
- E. MCEC Com.: 13 June, 5:30 p.m., Nat U Hill Room, Courthouse
- F. ERAC: 13 June, 4:30 p.m., TBD