

Commission on Sustainability
Minutes for Tuesday, February 11, 2020, 6:00 p.m.
McCloskey Room, City Hall, 401 N. Morton

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
Present: Joe Neukam, Anna Abernathy, Bronson Bast, Joe, Lauren Travis, Pam Weaver, Jana McGee, Nejla Routsong(not a quorum)
Not Present: Corbin Baird, Dave Rollo, Dave Warren, Jarrett Alexander, Andrew Predmore
3. Introduction of New Members
Bronson and Anna are new members.
4. Public Comment (15 – 20 minutes, 3 minute per person limit)
No Public Comments
5. Report from Chair
There are 2 vacant spots remain on the commission. Upping our attendance numbers would be great. The three current working groups are Waste Reduction, Sustainable Business and UDO are our sub-committees – please volunteer to serve on them.
6. Report from Economic and Sustainable Development, City of Bloomington
Lauren Travis reporting: Sustainability Action Plan has had its first full year of implementation. One thing that effects this commission is improved waste, composting and recycling education in an effort to become a zero waste community. There are \$35,000 in grants available through city utilities for local people who have flooding issues. Solar initiative installed for 64 people. There's a food survey out right now – available online or may have received via mail. There's also a climate survey out and available on the sustainability website.
7. Strategic Goals – Working Group Updates & Next Steps
 - a. Waste Reduction
Joe reporting: the group has met to come up with action items. They've made that list and will be working on ways to implement those with the city's help. They're working on setting up standing meetings: Jarod, Corbin, Jona, Anna. Lauren shared a zero-waste plan from Boston.
 - b. Sustainable Business
Nejla will take over as chair. Pam, Bronson, and Dave Warren are currently on this committee.
 - c. UDO
Pam reporting: Pam met with the planning department and discovered there is still time for input on the conversion map in terms of where some of the new zones are located. There's also room for input on a companion manual the department will be producing. Nejla has offered to contact on-campus sustainability groups to represent the student population at future council meetings.
8. New Business
 - a. Nejla announced she will be working with Andrew Predmore as co-chair of transportation working group of sustain IU to improve sustainability of transportation of students both on-campus and their commute.
 - b. Bronson spoke with Adam Wasson about fleet modernization. The transportation department is building software to track the vehicles the city owns. Lauren added that the software collects data about repairs and etc to create justifications to replace poorly performing vehicles.
 - c. Nejla suggested it's possibly related to waste reduction.

- d. Lauren knows of other things in public works might also be related to waste; she can put Joe in touch with appropriate people.
 - e. Joe asked about progress of smart water meter installations? Lauren says they're GPS oriented and she thinks about half are installed.
 - f. Lauren can help us get public input at Farmers Market tabling when we need it.
9. Additional Action items:
- a. Pam will arrange for landscaper to speak to the Commission about native species.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, March 10, 2020, McCloskey Room (#135), City Hall at 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

My work:

Send Gnarly Tree info to Neja.