

Waste Reduction Committee Meeting

September 1, 2020

Attendees: Samantha, Jerrett, Jana, Corbin, Anna

Goal-setting for remainder of 2020:

1. Database of businesses offering eco-friendly takeout options
 - a. Due to COVID, more people are getting takeout
 - b. Start with establishing list of all businesses offering compostable or recyclable takeout options
 - c. Eventually we would like for this list to be made public in polished PDF format either on the Bloomington Sustainability website or via a community organization
 - d. Samantha will take the lead on starting a spreadsheet, committee members will each identify businesses to reach out to <http://www.openforbloomington.com/>
2. Audit of apartment complexes and their recycling options
 - a. This has been an ongoing concern for the City of Bloomington
 - b. There are so many apartment complexes and townhome developments where recycling is not available
 - c. Anna will look into whether an existing document like this exists, or start a new one for the Waste Reduction Committee to work on throughout the fall
3. Composting Initiative
 - a. Jerrett worked on researching composting initiatives last fall and will take the lead on raising public awareness this fall through a possible town hall event
 - b. Information on how to compost is overwhelming and the committee would like to help educate the community on the options available
 - c. Possible partners for a composting event:
 - i. Green Camino can promote their services
 - ii. Mother Hubbard's Cupboard - do they still accept composting donations?
 - iii. Event should also provide attendees with individual experiences to demonstrate possibility to compost on your own / for free