2.12.100 - Bloomington Commission on Sustainability.

(1)   Public Policy and Purpose. A sustainable community seeks to enhance the socio-environmental-economic well-being of the community while taking precautions not to compromise the quality of life of future generations. Toward that end, it reduces its use of nonrenewable natural resources and its production of wastes, while at the same time improving livability. The mission of the Bloomington Commission on Sustainability is to promote sustainable socio-environmental-economic well-being of Bloomington and all its inhabitants.

(2)   General. This section is subject to the general provisions of Section 2.08.020 of the Bloomington Municipal Code.

(3)   Appointments and Residency. The commission shall consist of fourteen members. Six of the members shall be appointed by the mayor and six shall be appointed by the common council. No more than two of the mayor's appointments and no more than two of the common council appointments may be citizens who live outside the corporate city limits of Bloomington and within Monroe County. One of the six common council appointments shall be a member of the common council. One of the members shall be appointed by the Monroe County Commissioners from Monroe County government. And, the Director of the Indiana University Office of Sustainability or his/her designee shall serve as the ex-officio member from Indiana University. All members shall have a vote and shall serve without compensation.

(4)   Qualifications. Sustainability is an interdisciplinary concept. As such, the commission's membership shall reflect environmental, social and economic perspectives, unified by the common interest of sustainability. The commission shall draw its members from government, business, academia, not-for-profits and neighborhood associations.

(5)   Officers. Officers shall be selected by vote of the commission members annually.

(6)   Meetings. The commission shall meet one time each month, every month of the year, unless it decides to cancel the meeting.

(7)   Staffing. The city's sustainability coordinator shall serve as staff liaison to the commission. The liaison will research and pursue funding opportunities for sustainable development, engage in education and outreach, and identify "best practices." The city administration shall provide general administrative support for the commission.

(8)   Powers and Duties. The commission shall have the following powers and duties:

(A)   To coordinate ongoing and to propose and promote new sustainability initiatives among residents, businesses, governmental, nongovernmental agencies and educational organizations through education and outreach programs;

(B)   To advise and make recommendations to the Bloomington common council, city administration, and city boards and commissions on policies and programs that infuse the work of city government with an operating philosophy based on sustainability;

(C)   To determine, in cooperation with other city boards and commissions, Bloomington's current and future sustainability status by developing and monitoring a set of sustainability indicators;

(D)   To provide, in cooperation with other city boards and commissions, an annual "sustainability assessment" based on said indicators. The assessment shall be included in an annual report and provided to the common council, mayor and the public;

(E)   To advise, consult and cooperate with other agencies, boards and commissions of the city of Bloomington, the state, other local governments, industries, other states, interstate or interlocal agencies, and the federal government, and with interested persons or groups on matters of sustainability;

(F)   To adopt administrative rules and regulations for the conduct of its business; and,

(G)   To research and apply for grants or other funds or gifts from public or private agencies for the purpose of carrying out any of the provisions or purposes of this section.

(Ord. 08-02 § 1, 2008; Ord. 05-15 § 1, 2005).

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