



CITY OF BLOOMINGTON COMMON COUNCIL

AGENDA
COMMITTEE ON COUNCIL PROCESSES
MONDAY | 12:15 PM
10 MARCH 2025

Allison Conference Room (#225), Showers Building, 401 N. Morton Street

The public may also access the meeting at the following link:

<https://bloomington.zoom.us/j/83781829113?pwd=waGIV9UtZ49GpNuYRlZQGxbr8Khfbj.1>

Chair: Isabel Piedmont-Smith

1. Agenda review and approval
2. Proposal: Councilmember liaisons to boards and commissions (Zulich, Piedmont-Smith)
See draft proposal in packet
 - a. Discussion and possible revisions
 - b. Public comment
 - c. Vote on forwarding proposal to full Council
3. Discussion: Allowing presentation and discussion of legislation at first reading
 - a. Problem we are trying to solve
Draft problem statement: Currently, ordinances only receive one guaranteed discussion by the Common Council and therefore CMs do not have the benefit of guaranteed time between initial discussion (which may raise legitimate points) and final vote. Such time may be necessary to consult with staff, further study an issue, and/or consult with constituents.
 - b. Discussion
 - c. Public comment
 - d. Next steps
4. Deliberation sessions with the public
 - a. Propose topic and format to Council President?
 - b. Committee to help with meeting preparations?
5. Planning to tackle other priorities
 - a. Internal Council procedures:
 - Who is allowed to put what in Council packets
 - Process of working on legislation with staff and colleagues
 - Guidelines for working with staff in general
 - b. Boards and Commissions:
 - Code of conduct
 - Annual report templates
 - c. Equity in city government
 - d. Other?
6. General public comment
7. Adjournment

City Council Engagement with Bloomington Boards and Commissions:
A Proposal for Council Liaisons

Submitted by CM Zulich and CM Piedmont-Smith, March 6, 2025

Value Statement: City Council members should be aware of the work that city boards and commissions are doing so they can be well informed of the issues facing our residents and better advocate for legislation that may address these issues. In addition, our resident boards and commissions should have a clear line of communication with the Bloomington City Council to share the results of their work.

Proposal: Each councilmember should be assigned to 2-3 boards/commissions under the purview of their interview committee with the following expectations for engagement:

1. Serve as the point of contact for Commission Chairs and Staff Liaisons
2. Attend at least one of each board's/commission's meetings per year
3. Interview Committees should discuss any resolutions or recommendations passed by their assigned boards and commissions

Each interview committee chair should ask the committee members to indicate which boards/commissions they are interested in serving as Council Liaison. The interview committee chair in each case will act as liaison to two boards/commissions, while the other two interview committee members will each act as liaison to three boards/commission. Then each interview committee should meet to vote on a slate of liaison assignments prepared by the committee chair.

We take this opportunity to propose a reorganization of interview committees' purviews such that commissions with similar interests be grouped together.

Committee "A" shall be responsible for the following Boards and Commissions:

1. Animal Control Commission
2. Bloomington Arts Commission
3. Bloomington/Monroe County Human Rights Commission
4. Board of Zoning Appeals
5. Commission on the Status of Black Males
6. MLK Birthday Celebrations Commission
7. Housing Quality Appeals Board
8. Monroe County Capital Improvement Board (CIB)

Committee "B" shall be responsible for the following Boards and Commissions:

1. Bloomington Digital Underground Advisory Committee

2. Community Advisory on Public Safety (CAPS) Commission
3. Commission on Aging
4. Commission on the Status of Children and Youth
5. Commission on the Status of Women
6. Transportation Commission
7. Public Transportation Corporation
8. Utilities Service Board

Committee “C” shall be responsible for the following Boards and Commissions:

1. Commission on Hispanic and Latiné Affairs
2. Tree Commission
3. Environmental Commission
4. Bloomington Commission on Sustainability
5. Fire Merit Commission
6. Historic Preservation Commission
7. Redevelopment Commission
8. Urban Enterprise Association

From each interview committee, 2 members should each be liaisons to 3 commissions, and the chair of the committee should be a liaison to 2 commissions.