



City of Bloomington

Environmental Commission

The mission of the Environmental Commission is to advise the City of Bloomington on how its actions and policies may preserve and enhance the quality of Bloomington's environment, including the life-supporting processes that natural ecological systems provide to humans and other organisms.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION NOTICE and REGULAR SESSION AGENDA

March 27, 2025, 6:00 PM
Hooker Meeting Room #245
Hybrid Meeting

Join Zoom Meeting here:

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Meeting ID: 865 723 1124

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or on Community Access Television Service (CATS):

<https://catstv.net/government.php>.

Auxiliary aids are available upon request with adequate notice.

1. Call to order and quorum confirmation: 6:00
2. Introductions and Roll Call

	<u>In Person</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Zoom</u>
Carrie Albright	X		
Nadia Cain	X		
Matt Caldie	X		
Kasie Chappell	X		
Adam Fudickar	X		

Shannon Gayk	X	
Adam Martinez	X	
Mitchell Owens*	X	
David Parkhurst	X	
Rachael Johnson,	X	
City Liaison		
Fiona Kilgore,		X
Graduate Fellow		

3. New Business

a. Welcome new members

Everyone gave brief introductions.

4. Approval of February 2025 minutes*

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Carrie Albright	X		
Nadia Cain	X		
Matt Caldie	X		
Kasie Chappell	X		
Adam Fudickar	X		
Shannon Gayk	X		
Adam Martinez	X		
Mitchell Owens			X
David Parkhurst	X		

5. Public comment

Limit 5 minutes per person, 20 minutes total

None

6. Old Business

a. Working group updates

Each working group gave a brief introduction and talked about their current and upcoming projects.

i. Light Pollution

No update.

ii. Water Quality

No update.

iii. Biodiversity

1. Bee City USA

Shannon spoke with IU, they seem to be on a similar schedule.

Council wants to have a vote to approve on April 16th. Council member Piedmont-Smith asked for a memo before April 3rd. The memo can be sent to Rachael who will forward it to council.

Matt and Shannon gave information on the Habitat Connectivity Plan which is on hold until after Eco-Heroes.

iv. Special Projects

No update.

b. Eco-Heroes Planning

Nadia gave an introduction to Eco-Heroes.

The group has sent out letters to educators, updated the website with resources, sent out requests for donations, and created outreach materials.

The city has a form to give to donors, will be emailed to them.

Donations can be dropped off at city hall or picked up by commissioners.

The EC will be tabling at the Earth Day event at Switchyard Park on April 19th.

Winning pieces will be displayed in the pavilion.

Voting will be Tuesday the 15th between 3PM and 6PM.

Rachael will reach out to the winners the following day.

The group will plan to meet Thursday April 3rd at 6PM and Thursday April 10th.

7. Staff Update

a. City Council Schedule Update

Rachael reiterated that council plans on adding Bee City to the April 16th meeting agenda.

b. Environmental Commission Handbook Update

Rachael shared some potential changes to the EC Handbook.

Most changes were related to previously discussed Title 2 changes.

Working group details will likely be moved to a separate document.

Each working group should send a description of their group to Rachael at their earliest convenience.

There was additional discussion about the use of email for official business.

Send any recommendations for changes to Rachael before the next meeting.

Shawn Miya is interested in the EC taking on an anti-idling campaign.

8. Reports from:

- a. Tree Commission (TC)
Not much aside from a report from Bloomington's urban forester.
- b. Environmental Resource Advisory Council (ERAC)
Has not met since the last EC meeting.
- c. Friends of Lake Monroe (FOLM)
No updates.
- d. Bloomington Commission on Sustainability (BCOS)
Matt watched the most recent meeting.
There was a council update and they established priorities,
focusing on outreach and education.
- e. Monroe County – Identify and Reduce Invasive Species (MC-IRIS)
Tree and shrub replacement and removal applications are live.
Planned for the native plant sale in September.
Garden fair is on April 12th.

9. Commissioner announcements

Dave mentioned seeing a former commissioner at Southeast Park.
Mitchell informed the group about Hoosier River Watch Training in
Spencer, IN.
Shannon mentioned a symposium on ecology taking place at IU next
week.

10. Social Media

- a. April Posts
A post will be made in the upcoming week.

11. Upcoming Meeting

- a. April 17, 2025, 6:00 pm, Hooker Room, Zoom, and CATS

12. Adjournment:

7:46 PM

** Item to be voted on*

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As a quorum of the Commission or its committees may be present, this gathering constitutes a meeting under the Indiana Open Door Law (I.C. § 5-14-1.5). For that reason, this statement provides notice that this meeting will occur and is open for the public to attend, observe, and record what transpires.

The Bloomington Environmental Commission (EC) wishes to acknowledge and honor the indigenous communities native to this region, and recognize that the City of Bloomington, Indiana was built on indigenous homelands and resources.