

Commission on Sustainability



MICHIGAN CITY INDIANA

Thursday, August 11, 2022, 4:30 pm
City Hall, EOC Room Downstairs
Agenda

Michigan City Sustainability Commissioners: Tim Bauer, Laura Henderson (Secretary), Clarence Hulse, Andie Jahnz-Davis (Assistant Chair), Daisy Lee (Treasurer), Nancy Moldenhauer (Chair), Faye Moore, La'Tonya Troutman

Student Commissioners: Tristan Bogart, Bailey Chavis, Mary Cate Neary, Angela Reynolds

City Council Liaison: Bryant Dabney

- I. Roll Call
- II. Approval of July 14, 2022 Minutes.
- III. Suspension of Rules Approval: Sustainability Student Commissioner terms run from September to August with priority given to appointing a Middle School student when a High School student graduates or resigns.
- IV. Project Teams
 - A. **Waste Reduction/"Garbology"**—Daisy Lee, Tim Bauer, Bailey Chavis, Angela Reynolds, & Mary Cate Neary [Mary Cate Neary will update on recycling program at Marquette High School; IDEM grant for recycling projects up to \$100,000 announced with submission acceptance from September 1 – October 6, 2022; an artist commissioned native fish sculpture to collect recyclable plastic bottles and aluminum cans at Washington Park Beach was received positively by NIPSCO, so contacts they provided within NIPSCO for potential funding and support require follow up; Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory for carbon footprint reduction indicates Michigan City and NWI are extremely high for sending trash to landfills instead of practicing reduction or recycling <https://www.in.gov/idem/recycle/resources/indiana-community-recycling-grant-program/>]
 - B. **Funeral Homes & Crematoriums with Plant a Tree Opportunity:** Bailey Chavis [Update on appeals in social media with Geisen-Carlisle headquartered in Crown Point; article to share final list on social media as "Caught YOU Being Green" feature]
 - C. **"Caught YOU Being Green"**—Andie Jahnz-Davis [Upcoming Facebook posts, Facebook post and press release for Nora L. Schultz awardee]
 - D. **Carbon Neutral Indiana (CNI)** —Andie Jahnz-Davis, Laura Henderson, Daisy Lee & Nancy Moldenhauer [Carbon Neutral Indiana is publishing an exciting, innovative book about climate solutions in Indiana is available for preorder. It'll inspire, educate, and activate Hoosiers. You may preorder, and/or register for the virtual book launch on August 31st! Who needs to schedule an assessment or get an update for their home to become carbon neutral with Daniel, Executive Director and Founder of CNI?]

About the book: https://www.carbonneutralindiana.org/book?mc_cid=676aac600b&mc_eid=0489b8c8af
Preorder:https://store.carbonneutralindiana.org/54922412137/checkouts/c741a8a0a530f6be8e64c1bc903b05ed?channel=buy_button&mc_cid=676aac600b&mc_eid=0489b8c8af
Register for virtual book launch: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcoc-2gpjMiGNdy0EOo7EDxB-jULlowbedM?mc_cid=676aac600b&mc_eid=0489b8c8af
<https://www.carbonneutralindiana.org/> ; <https://www.facebook.com/carbonneutralindiana>

- E. **U.S Department of Energy’s National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL)**—Ed Shinn, Tristan Bogart, Bailey Chavis, Daisy Lee, Laura Henderson, & Nancy Moldenhauer [To schedule our 5th meeting in August or September with our consultant Scott Belding of NREL. We are receiving FREE consulting, engineering, and planning services for solar array installation, electric vehicle charging stations, and electronic device chargers for workstations at Washington Park, Beach, and Zoo. When completed, we will have a plan to submit for an extremely promising future with potential green energy funding to be provided by the Federal Government.]
- F. **NWI Climate/Resilience Action Planning Work Group** —Nancy Moldenhauer, Laura Henderson, & Andie Jahnz-Davis [Third meeting with Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission (NIRPC) will be on Thursday, August 11th, 1 pm, via Zoom.]
- G. **Soul Power**—Faye Moore & Nancy Moldenhauer [Per Donnita Scully, NAACP Program Manager, no updates]
- H. **Continue Promoting SolSmart Silver Designation with Partner Indiana University Resilience Cohort**—Laura Henderson, Tristan Bogart, & Nancy Moldenhauer [Nancy to be interviewed for a case study by the U.S. Dept. of Energy’s SolSmart on Wednesday; what could we do to continue leveraging SolSmart Silver Designation; keep sharing our link "Getting Started with Solar" found on Sustainability Commission Michigan City Government website page.] <https://www.emichigancity.com/1214/Sustainability-Commission>
- I. **Solar United Neighbors (SUN)** —Faye Moore & Nancy Moldenhauer [Plans in the making with Dan Robinson for Round 3 hopefully in the fall; Nancy’s solar panel installation scheduled in September as part of Round 1] <https://www.solarunitedneighbors.org/indiana/> ; <https://www.solarunitedneighbors.org/indiana/go-solar/>
- V. **Opportunity**—Nancy Moldenhauer [Registered for and sharing of Drive Clean Indiana Annual Conference & Expo: Laura Henderson, Angie Jahnz-Davis, Faye Moore, Bailey Chavis, and Nancy Moldenhauer of Michigan City Sustainability Commission; Angie Nelson Deutch, President Michigan City Council and Owner Diversity Squared; Sylvia Collins, Michigan City Planning Assistant Director, Robin Tillman, Director, and Chasiti Stanley, Assistant, Michigan City Transit, and David Clifford, Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission Indiana University Intern.]
- VI. **Notice**—Faye Moore, NAACP and Just Transition NWI [Submit written comments to OUCC through August 10, 2022 to oppose the rate increase requested by NIPSCO to recover the cost of removing coal ash from Michigan City coal burning power plant stating that NIPSCO should be held responsible for the cost of cleaning up their toxic coal ash not customers. "Subject: NIPSCO Michigan City IURC Cause #45700, To: uccinfo@oucc.in.gov"]
- VII. Commission Comments
- VIII. Public Comments
- IX. Announcements
- X. Adjournment