

City of Falcon Heights Environment Commission

City Hall
2077 Larpenteur Avenue West

Minutes

Monday, December 8, 2025
6:30 p.m.

A. CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL:

Beth Mercer-Taylor (Chair) <u>X</u>	Georgiana May <u>X</u>
John Pellegrini (Vice-Chair) <u>X</u>	David Smith <u>X</u>
Adam Keester <u>X</u>	Nuz Sanidad <u>X</u>
Monika Chandler <u>X</u>	
Staff Liaison Lynch <u>X</u>	
Council Liaison Mielke <u>X</u>	

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner May made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Keester. Motion passed by consent.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. November 10, 2025

Commissioner Chandler made a motion to approve the November 10, 2025 minutes, seconded by Vice-Chair Pellegrini. Motion passed by consent.

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. Sustainability Fair Updates

Staff Liaison Lynch advised the Commission that the Sustainability Fair will be held on April 18, 2026 at Falcon Heights City Hall in partnership with the City of Lauderdale Environment Commission. She stated the format would be very similar to the 2025 Sustainability Fair with electronics recycling, paper shredding, and hopefully textiles recycling. She asked for suggestions on potential organizations to table at the Sustainability Fair. Suggestions included Xcel Energy, MN Seed, UMN (with apples), Active Living Ramsey County, the Nature Conservancy, Sierra Club, Wild Ones, Ramsey County Urban Agriculture, Terra Market, UMN Climate Adaptation Partnership, and Sustainable Resources Center (with an induction stove). She also asked if presentations were wanted again in 2026, but that it would likely only be two instead of three. Finally, there were suggestions from Commissioners about holding a drawing for a rain barrel or compost bin. Staff Liaison Lynch stated she would begin to reach out to organizations about tabling and requested any further suggestions be sent to her by no later than January 2, 2026.

2. Standing Rules Review

Staff Liaison Lynch briefly went over the standing rules for the Environment Commission and stated they would be approved at the January 2026 meeting. She asked Commissioners to review them and send her any potential changes prior to that meeting. A few suggestions were to edit the purpose and duties section to include transportation, discuss the implementation of the Energy Action Plan and Climate Action Plan, mention sustainability, and discuss sustainable land use.

3. Goal Setting for 2026

Staff Liaison Lynch discussed goals for 2026. Commissioners stated a goal should be to review the Energy Action Plan and Climate Action Plan in January to assist with setting further goals for the year. Commissioners also discussed doing a "Salt for Sand Exchange," holding workshops around weatherization, providing incentives for certain sustainable home upgrades, looking to potentially have Public Works swap from gas-powered leaf blowers to electric leaf blowers, and work with the Parks and Recreation Commission on community gardens.

F. INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Staff Liaison Report

Staff Liaison Lynch reported the status of the Les Bolstad Golf Course sale. The RFP by the University closes on December 18, 2025, and the City of Falcon Heights will be hiring Bolton & Menk as a consultant to assist the City through the process of working with the developer/rezonings/community meetings/etc.

2. Council Liaison Report

Council Liaison Mielke reported she had a Home Energy Squad Energy Audit completed recently and highly recommends everyone have one done. She learned through that process that an entire floor of her house is missing insulation.

G. Adjourn

Commissioner Chandler made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned by consent at 8:00 p.m.

Next regular meeting date: January 12, 2025