

# City of Falcon Heights Environment Commission

City Hall  
2077 Larpenteur Avenue West

Minutes

Monday, January 12, 2026  
6:30 p.m.

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

B. ROLL CALL:           Beth Mercer-Taylor (Chair) \_A\_           Georgiana May \_X\_  
                              John Pellegrini (Vice-Chair) \_X\_       David Smith \_X\_  
                              Adam Keester \_X\_                               Nuz Sanidad \_X\_  
                              Monika Chandler \_X\_  
  
                              Staff Liaison Lynch \_X\_  
                              Council Liaison Mielke \_X\_

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*Commissioner Pellegrini made a motion to approve the agenda. Motion passed by consent.*

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. December 8, 2025

*Commissioner Pellegrini made a motion to approve the December 8, 2025 minutes. Motion passed by consent.*

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. Review of Officer Positions and 2026 Officer Elections

*Staff Liaison Lynch went through the duties of each officer position, including Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary. Commissioner Pellegrini nominated Commissioner Keester for Chair, Commissioner Keester nominated Commissioner Pellegrini for Vice-Chair, and Commissioner Nuz nominated herself for Secretary. A vote was taken and all were in favor of these appointments.*

2. Adoption of the Standing Rules

*Commissioners discussed the draft of the standing rules. Suggested changes included adding "current and future" after "regarding" on #4 of duties and responsibilities, removing #5, and removing "excluding the Planning Commission" under "Membership Terms and Organization." A vote was taken to approve the Standing Rules with the suggested changes. All were in favor.*

3. 2026 Environment Commission Schedule, Goals, and Priorities

*Commissioners discussed 2026 goals and priorities. Along with previously drafted goals, additional goals added included choosing an “Invasive Plant of the Year” to write articles in the Nature Newsflash about, and forming a climate action subcommittee to work on Climate Action Plan and Energy Action Plan implementation.*

4. Climate Action Plan and Energy Action Plan Review

*Commissioners looked through the current implementation progress for the Climate Action Plan and Energy Action Plan. Commissioner Keester suggested creating a climate action subcommittee to work closer on these goals and strategies. Commissioners agreed to this and suggested reaching out to residents previously on the different teams who drafted these plans. One topic that was discussed was partnering with the Minnesota State Fair on a joint energy or sustainability project. Commissioners discussed a tree project, but agreed the Environment Commission would likely need to come up with the project entirely and look into funding potentials before reaching out to the State Fair with their proposal.*

F. INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Staff Liaison Report

*Staff Liaison Lynch gave an update on the Les Bolstad Golf Course RFP issued by the University of Minnesota. She stated the RFP has closed and submissions have been received. City Staff and the City’s selected consultant were able to review the plans only, but they are classified information at this time. The University is currently reviewing the proposals and will narrow the submissions down to those they would like to interview.*

*Staff Liaison Lynch also informed Commissioners that the February meeting would be a joint meeting with the Parks and Recreation Commission to discuss the community garden, and the March meeting would be a joint meeting with the City of Lauderdale’s Environment Commission to discuss the Sustainability Fair.*

G. Adjourn

*Commissioner Pellegrini made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned by consent at 7:57 p.m.*

*Next meeting date: February 2, 2026 – Joint with Parks and Recreation Commission*