

# City of Falcon Heights Environment Commission

City Hall  
2077 Larpenteur Avenue West

Minutes

Monday, March 9, 2026  
6:30 p.m.

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

A. ROLL CALL: Adam Keester (Chair) X David Smith X  
John Pellegrini (Vice-Chair) A Beth Mercer-Taylor X  
Nuz Sanidad (Secretary) X Erica Bjelland X  
Monika Chandler X  
  
Staff Liaison Myhren X  
Council Liaison May X

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*Chair Keester made a motion to approve the agenda. Motion passed by consent.*

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*Chair Keester made a motion to approve the January 12, 2026 and February 2, 2026 minutes. Motion passed by consent.*

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. Lawn & Garden Tours

*Staff Liaison Myhren discussed scheduling the Lawn & Garden Tours to coordinate with Lawns to Legumes tours and to allow adequate time for advertising and increased attendance. Commissioners discussed adding additional sites to the garden map, including University gardens and the Bell Museum garden.*

*Commissioner Chandler referenced St. Anthony's garden tour and commissioners noted the importance of holding the event when plants are in bloom. Chair Keester raised the issue of tour hosts wanting to participate in the event; Commissioners agreed that Master Gardeners could serve as volunteers, and Commissioner Chandler will contact the Master Gardeners.*

*The Commission agreed on holding Garden Tour on **Saturday, July 18, 2026, from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.***

2. Sustainability Fair Update and Volunteer Sign-Ups

*Staff Liaison Myhren Commissioner asks for commissioners to sign up for volunteer times. Chair Keester will be EC table AM. Commissioner Chandler will be on the EC table AM shift. Commissioner Sanidad will be Textile PM. Council Liaison May will direct cars in the AM. Commissioner Mercer-Taylor agreed to give a presentation for the fair on plants.*

3. Climate Action Plan / Energy Action Plan Implementation Subcommittee

*Chair Keester calls back to subcommittee formation conversation. We can only have 3 Commissioner members involved, and asks how many we should have in total. The Commission decided on the number 5. Chair Keester, Commissioner Mercer-Taylor and Commissioner Bjelland expressed interest in being part of the subcommittee.*

4. Community Advisory Committee – Les Bolstad Golf Course Redevelopment

*Council Liaison May explained that the City is assembling a diverse group of nine local residents to serve on the Community Advisory Committee (CAC), which will provide input to the City Council. One representative from the Environment Commission is needed. CAC applications are available online. Commissioner Mercer-Taylor expressed concern about ensuring representation from both Grove and Coffman Condominiums residents. The application deadline is **March 16**.*

E. INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **Staff Liaison Report** – *Staff Liaison Myhren reported that Fairway Commons will hold a public hearing regarding a proposal for 110 affordable senior living units on **March 24**. The City is also pursuing the purchase of 1407 Larpenteur. As it is grant season, Staff Liaison Myhren will be submitting several applications. The City will also begin sending letters regarding boulevard tree planting as part of the tree grant program*
2. **Council Liaison Report** – *Council Liaison May shared that the Peace Garden will be included in the garden tour. She is continuing to get up to speed on Council activities and has been attending webinars, trainings, and workshops.*

F. Adjourn

*Chair Keester made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned by consent at 8:05 PM.*

*Next meeting date: April 13 2026*