

City of Falcon Heights
Environment Commission

City Hall
2077 Larpenteur Avenue West

Minutes

Monday, April 13, 2026
6:30 p.m.

A. CALL TO ORDER: 6:34 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 March 9, 2026 minutes. Motion passed by consent.

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. Lawn & Garden Tours

Tours have been agreed to take place on Saturday July 18th from 9am-12pm. Wild Ones, and Lawns to Legumes are interested in participating in the tour. Garden hosts sign ups remain open until July 8th. Tours will be promoted at the EC table at the Sustainability Fair on April 18th. Staff liaison Myhren agreed to look into messing the Bugle to run a press release for further marketing.

Commissioners discussed the questions from Ramsey County Garden Educators.

2. Sustainability Fair Updates

Currently 17 organizations have confirmed attending the Falcon Heights & Lauderdale Sustainability Fair. Name tags will be distributed to volunteers at 10:30 am day of; morning shift to notify and update afternoon shift volunteers. Nothing behind public works, no electric

vehicles (showcased for fair) in the parking lot. General parking is in the Blaze overflow lot off Prior Ave.

3. **Green Steps Update**

Falcon Heights hit steps 4 & 5 in 2025. The city improved from 2024 to 2025 on 7 initiatives. New trees planted, 12 in 2024 to 67 in 2025, planning on planting 100+ this year. Tree giveaways still happening, priority given based on location.

E. **INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. **Staff Liaison Report** – *Staff Liaison Myhren mentions sign ups for mattress recycling, those will be put up on social media, and advertised at the Sustainability Fair. Spring newsletter coming soon.*
2. **Council Liaison Report** – *Council Liaison May working on the Les Bolstad Redevelopment Community Advisory Committee (CAC), interviews to take place soon. The first CAC meeting will be in May and it will be open. Additionally discussed, Fairway Commons will be affordable senior housing which will go west of Amber Union. There will be 110 units. Construction starts this summer.*

F. **Adjourn**

Chair Keester made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned by consent at 7:46 PM.

Next meeting date: May 11, 2026