

**City of Falcon Heights  
Environment Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
March 14, 2011**

Present: Peter Lindstrom, Brian Goodspeed, Ethan Wagner , Gretel Keene, Rebecca Montgomery, Diane Ross, Justin Miller

Absent: Stan Sveen, Nina Semmelroth

Guests: Rom Windingstad, Audubon Society

1. Minutes of the February 14<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved with no changes.
2. Ron Windingstad from the Audubon Society presented information on building Chimney Swift towers. According to him, the number of nesting ground for these birds is decreasing as more and more chimneys are being removed or capped. His organization helps cities, schools, and other groups locate and build chimney-like towers to encourage the nesting of chimney swifts, which eat insects and are a vital part of the ecosystem. The commission was very interested in continuing the discussion, and identified several locations within the city that could house such structures.
3. Miller presented updated recycling reports from Tennis Sanitation. Overall, the tonnage recycled has increased over past years, while the participation rate has decreased. Montgomery asked whether a better measure of participation by household could be measured since not every house recycles each week, which is causing the participation numbers to skew downward. Miller stated that he would continue to bring these reports to the commission so that the new single-sort system could continue to be evaluated.
4. For future items, Montgomery asked that the commission look into a program where the city could encourage the planting of more trees on private property. This item will be brought back on a future agenda.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.



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