

**LAUDERDALE ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY  
COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA  
7:00 P.M. TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2025  
LAUDERDALE CITY HALL, 1891 WALNUT STREET**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **ROLL CALL**
3. **APPROVALS**
  - a. Agenda
  - b. Minutes of the April 15, 2025 Meeting
4. **INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATIONS / REPORTS**
  - a. Mark Chapin – Presenting on Establishing a Tree Planting Program
5. **DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEM**
  - a. Appoint a New Chair and Vice-Chair
  - b. Schedule Eureka Recycling Tour for June
  - c. Pollinator Garden at City Hall
  - d. Day in the Park Tabling
6. **SET AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING**
  - a. Sustainability Fair Follow Up
  - b. Breck Woods / HDR-C Zoning District
  - c. Speaker on Native Trees / Restoring Tree Canopy
7. **ADJOURNMENT**

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Topic: May 20, 2025 Lauderdale Environment and Sustainability Commission

Time: May 20, 2025 07:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

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COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
7:00 P.M. TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 2025  
LAUDERDALE CITY HALL, 1891 WALNUT STREET**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chair Winkelaar called the meeting to order.

**ROLL CALL**

Members Present: Ewa Prochniewicz; Bryan Carlson; Jess Winkelaar; Josh Keller; and Ann Sisel. Members Absent: Mindy Nakamoto and Monika Davis.

City Council Member Present: Jeff Dains. Staff Present: Heather Butkowski and Jim Bownik.

**APPROVALS**

Vice Chair Winkelaar asked if there were any proposed changes to the April 15, 2025 commission meeting agenda. There being none, Prochniewicz made a motion to approve. Winkelaar seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Vice Chair Winkelaar asked if there were any proposed changes to the March 18, 2025 commission meeting minutes. There being none, Carlson made a motion to approve. Keller seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEM**

**A. Passing of Chair Greg Williams**

Butkowski shared the City had recently learned that Chair Greg Williams had passed away. The commission members spoke of their sadness as Greg had a passion for sustainability and strong desire to lead the commission.

**B. Sustainability Fair Update and Volunteer Sign Ups**

Olivia Siebert, Falcon Heights' AmeriCorps Member, introduced herself. She shared information about her AmeriCorps service and projects Falcon Heights environmental commissioners are working on. She also has been the primary coordinator for the upcoming Falcon Heights-Lauderdale Sustainability Fair. She walked through final information to prepare commissioners for the Fair.

**C. Pollinator Next Steps**

Commissioners discussed ways to support pollinator health. Suggestions included: a bee garden demonstration garden at City Hall; community garden; gardener in residence; garden club; pollinator friendly spring cleanup tips (No Mow May concepts); and table at Day in the Park. The commissioners plan to work on some of these items collectively or in subcommittees.

**SET AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING**

- a. Breck Woods / HDR-C Zoning District
- b. Scheduling Eureka Recycling Tour for June
- c. Speaker on Native Trees / Restoring Tree Canopy

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

## LAUDERDALE ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION AGENDA TOPIC FORM

**Meeting Date** May 20, 2025 **Agenda Item** Restoring Tree Canopy

### Action Requested

Consent ☐ Public Hearing ☐ Discussion ☒  
Action ☐ Resolution ☐ Work Session ☐

### DESCRIPTION OF TOPIC:

Mark Chapin came highly recommended as a speaker by Roseville's Sustainability Coordinator. Mark is recently retired from Hennepin County where he was the County Auditor and Treasurer. He has been involved with many other community groups including the Creative Enterprise Zone (CEZ). Mark lead their 100 Trees Initiative.

Per CEZ's website:

CEZ's *100 Trees Initiative* is a grassroots effort to grow and plant street trees to expand the urban tree canopy and reduce the heat island effect in Saint Paul's Creative Enterprise Zone (South Saint Anthony Park.)

**Since 2021, the 100 Trees Initiative has....**

- Planted 400 new street trees on public boulevards in the Zone.
- Grown bare root trees in gravel beds for replanting.
- Purchased a 600-gallon mobile watering trailer.
- Piloted a weekly district-wide tree watering program with the help of volunteers and AmeriCorps members.
- Implemented a tree health monitoring program.
- Launched the CEZ Tree Guild, a monthly meet-up for tree lovers.
- Has been showcased in a Star Tribune newspaper article on grassroots tree projects in the Twin Cities.
- Enlisted support from our tree partners, sponsors, neighbors, and friends. Volunteer or donate using [this link](#)!

Staff asked Mark to present on his experience with CEZ and the lessons learned leading a project to rebuild tree canopy.

## LAUDERDALE ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION AGENDA TOPIC FORM

**Meeting Date** May 20, 2025

**Agenda Item** Chair and Vice Chair

### Action Requested

Consent	<input type="checkbox"/>	Public Hearing	<input type="checkbox"/>	Discussion	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Action	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Resolution	<input type="checkbox"/>	Work Session	<input type="checkbox"/>

### DESCRIPTION OF TOPIC:

With the passing of Greg, we should make the shift from vice-chair to chair official for Jess and appoint a new person as vice-chair. Monika said she would be willing to be vice-chair. If there are others interested, we can discuss during the meeting. Otherwise, a motion to approve these changes would be warranted.

## LAUDERDALE ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION AGENDA TOPIC FORM

**Meeting Date**

May 20, 2025

**Agenda Item**

Eureka Recycling Tour

### Action Requested

Consent

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Public Hearing

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Discussion

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Action

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Resolution

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Work Session

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### DESCRIPTION OF TOPIC:

Eureka Recycling collects Lauderdale's recycling materials and processes it at their plant at 2828 Kennedy St. NE, Minneapolis. Staff have toured their plant in the past and found it really interesting. The Commission is invited to tour the facility as well.

Staff asked them for suggested dates in June and they responded with:

June 25<sup>th</sup>, 8:30am or 2pm

June 26<sup>th</sup>, after 11am

June 27<sup>th</sup>, 8:30am

Does one of these dates work for Commission members? If so, staff will schedule. If not, we can get other options and share via email.

## LAUDERDALE ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION AGENDA TOPIC FORM

**Meeting Date** May 20, 2025 **Agenda Item** Pollinator Garden

### Action Requested

Consent	<input type="checkbox"/>	Public Hearing	<input type="checkbox"/>	Discussion	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Action	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Resolution	<input type="checkbox"/>	Work Session	<input type="checkbox"/>

### DESCRIPTION OF TOPIC:

Ann has been looking at concepts for the bee garden at City Hall (black area marked on the map). During the meeting, we can go outside and look at the space she proposes near the front door. Once the Commission agrees on the concept, staff can bring it to the council for approval. We are trying to figure out processes but that seems to make sense because staff can include the anticipated costs. The Council also wants to be able to highlight what the Commission is working on.

The one question staff had about putting the bee garden near the front door is whether that will generate complaints from people who are allergic to or afraid of bees. Part of the project is to demonstrate that native bees and honey bees are generally docile, but there are other pollinators that are less docile like yellow jackets and hornets. Staff put that forward for discussion because we have no expertise in this area.



# Map Ramsey

