

**LAUDERDALE ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY
COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA
7:00 P.M. TUESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2025
LAUDERDALE CITY HALL, 1891 WALNUT STREET**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **ROLL CALL**
3. **APPROVALS**
 - a. Agenda
 - b. Minutes of the July 15, 2025 Meeting
4. **INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATIONS / REPORTS**
5. **DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEM**
 - a. Arbor Day Foundation Follow Up
 - b. September Plant Swap
 - c. Seminary Pond Tour (September 16 at 6:30 p.m.)
 - d. Halloween Event Planning
6. **SET AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING**
 - a. Seminary Pond - Tour with Capitol Region Watershed District Staff (6:30 Start)
 - b. Japanese Knotweed Eradication – Ramsey County
 - c. Stormwater Topics of Interest
7. **ADJOURNMENT**

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Lauderdale Meetings is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: August 19, 2025 Lauderdale Environment and Sustainability Commission

Time: Aug 19, 2025 07:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Winkelaar called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

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

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

APPROVALS

Chair Winkelaar asked if there were any proposed changes to the July 15, 2025 commission meeting agenda or the June 17, 2025 commission meeting minutes. There being none, Carlson made a motion to approve. Davis seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATIONS / REPORTS

DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEM

A. Day in the Park

Commissioner shared their experiences working the table. The food scrap buckets and seed packets were well received along with the literature. Commissioners polled visitors on their environmental priorities which aligned with the Commissions.

B. DNR Tree Grant Status

Butkowski explained how and why the City applied for the DNR grant to remove and replace boulevard ash trees. So far, nine trees were removed and 10 would be planted the day after the meeting. Cost per tree plus mulch, stakes, and compost totaled around \$400 per tree. Staff is exploring options for more removals and replanting, especially in the nature area.

C. Eureka Tour

The Commission selected a day in August. Staff will verify that day works with Eureka.

D. Arbor Day Foundation Programs

Butkowski explained the tree program offered by the Arbor Day Foundation. They have an online portal for residents to order trees. The minimum order is 200 and the cost is paid for by the City. Tree recipients would plant them. The program can be spread over two seasons (spring and fall). The Commission was interested in the program but 200 is a lot of trees. Staff will check if Falcon Heights would like to partner in the program. Ideally, tree pick up could be combined with Sustainability Fair.

E. Plant Swap

Winkelaar said she would like to organize a plant swap for some time in September. Other members were interested in working with her on the idea.

SET AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

- a. Restoring Tree Canopy Discussion
- b. Schedule Seminary Pond Tour
- c. Arbor Day Foundation Follow Up
- d. Plant Swap
- e. Halloween Event
- f. Start Discussing Stormwater Topics of Interest

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

LAUDERDALE ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION AGENDA TOPIC FORM

Meeting Date August 19, 2025

Agenda Item Arbor Day

Action Requested

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

DESCRIPTION OF TOPIC:

Falcon Heights is interested in working on an Arbor Day Tree Distribution event with us. They shared a 12-minute video we can review during the meeting.

<https://vimeo.com/1067080566/f697d38981?share=copy>

<https://www.linkedin.com/smart-links/AQGvWkaZHuVFRA/9263d990-f563-4f30-9b95-f640623675d5>

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Meeting Date August 19, 2025

Agenda Item Plant Swap

Action Requested

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

DESCRIPTION OF TOPIC:

Jess provided the attached flyer for the plant swap on September 6. She will share more during the meeting.



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Commission

Yard Plant Swap

SAT ~ SEPT 6

9 - 11 AM

Lauderdale Ice Rink Lot

Bring potted plants with labels to
exchange with a neighbor!

Create a piece of art in the **Artshack!**



LAUDERDALE ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION AGENDA TOPIC FORM

Meeting Date

August 19, 2025

Agenda Item

Halloween

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:

The next big city event is Halloween. Checking in if there are ideas for the Commission to participate at this event.