

**LAUDERDALE ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY
COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA**

**6:00 P.M. TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2025
SEMINARY POND BEHIND 1622 CARL STREET**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **ROLL CALL**
3. **APPROVALS**
 - a. Agenda
 - b. Minutes of the August 19, 2025 Meeting
4. **INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATIONS / REPORTS**
5. **DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEM**
 - a. Seminary Pond Tour by Capitol Region Watershed District Staff
 - b. September Plant Swap Follow Up
 - c. Halloween Event Planning
6. **SET AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING**
 - a. Climate Action Plan Grant with Ramsey County Staff
 - b. Schedule Joint Meeting with Falcon Heights Commission
 - c. Stormwater Topics of Interest
7. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Winkelaar called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Bryan Carlson, Josh Keller, Ewa Prochniewicz, Monika Davis, Jess Winkelaar, and Ann Sisel. Member Absent: Mindy Nakamoto.
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 August 19, 2025 commission meeting agenda or the July 15, 2025 commission meeting minutes. There being none, Davis made a motion to approve. Keller seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATIONS / REPORTS

DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEM

A. Arbor Day Foundation Programs

Commissioners watched a 12-minute video from the Arbor Day Foundation explaining how the tree distribution online portal system works. The minimum order is 200 trees and the City pays for the trees. Tree recipients plant them. Falcon Heights expressed interest in partnering in the program. Members wish to pursue the program. Staff will work with Falcon Heights staff to schedule a joint meeting of the Commissions to meet with Arbor Day staff and plan for the event.

B. Plant Swap

Winkelaar presented her plans to organize a plant swap for September 6 at the Warming House. Other members provided support and ideas for carrying out the event. Staff will post to the City's website.

C. Seminary Pond Tour

Butkowski reminded the group that the Seminary Pond Tour provided by Capitol Region Watershed District staff will be on September 16 starting at 6:30 p.m. Parking available behind 1622 Carl Street.

D. Halloween Event Planning

Butkowski mentioned that the City's annual Halloween event was coming up. The Commission is welcome to contribute in some way. The group will discuss further at the September meeting.

E. Eureka Recycling Tour

The Commissioners toured the recycling facility the morning of the meeting. They highlighted items learned and discussed how to get what they learned out to Lauderdale residents. Staff will add an article about the tour in the next newsletter with lessons learned.

SET AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

- a. Seminary Pond - Tour with Capitol Region Watershed District Staff
- b. Japanese Knotweed Eradication Efforts
- c. Plant Swap Follow Up
- d. Halloween Event Planning
- e. Stormwater Topics of Interest

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

LAUDERDALE ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION AGENDA TOPIC FORM

Meeting Date September 16, 2025

Agenda Item Seminary Pond

Action Requested

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

DESCRIPTION OF TOPIC:

Chris Kucek of Capitol Regions Watershed District (CRWD) will be giving the Seminary Pond Tour. Seminary Pond is on Luther Seminary's land in the south part of Lauderdale. The Pond takes drainage from a very large area. In 2020, the Pond was improved through a cooperative agreement with Lauderdale, Falcon Heights, the U of M, and Ramsey County along with funding secured by CRWD. NineNorth made a [video](#) that is worth watching ahead of the tour.

We can also use the time to look at the improvements made along the ravine behind Rosehill Townhomes. This land is owned by the City. Significant erosion occurred after the City/County began tackling the invasive Japanese Knotweed.

I encourage you to dress for the weather that day and wear very sturdy shoes. Some of the terrain is tough to walk on depending on how adventurous you want to be looking around.