

**LAUDERDALE ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY
COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA
7:00 P.M. TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2025
LAUDERDALE CITY HALL, 1891 WALNUT STREET**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **ROLL CALL**
3. **APPROVALS**
 - a. Agenda
 - b. Minutes of the September 16, 2025 Meeting
4. **INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATIONS / REPORTS**
5. **DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEM**
 - a. September Plant Swap Follow Up
 - b. Halloween Event Planning
 - c. 2026 Goal Setting
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 Meetings is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: October 21, 2025 Lauderdale Environment and Sustainability Commission

Time: Oct 21, 2025 07:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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**LAUDERDALE ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
6:00 P.M. TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2025
LAUDERDALE CITY HALL, 1891 WALNUT STREET**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Winkelaar called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Bryan Carlson, Monika Davis, Jess Winkelaar, and Ann Sisel. Members

Absent: Mindy Nakamoto, Josh Keller, and Ewa Prochniewicz.

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

APPROVALS

Chair Winkelaar asked if there were any suggested changes to the September 16, 2025 commission meeting agenda. There being none, Sisel made a motion to approve. Davis seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Chair Winkelaar asked if there were any suggested changes to the August 19, 2025 commission meeting minutes. There being none, Davis made a motion to approve. Winkelaar seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATIONS / REPORTS

Chris Kucek of Capitol Regions Watershed District (CRWD) provided the group with information about the improvements made to Seminary Pond over the last five years. Seminary Pond is on Luther Seminary's land in the southern part of Lauderdale. The Pond takes drainage from a large area. In 2020, the Pond was improved through a cooperative agreement with Lauderdale, Falcon Heights, the University of Minnesota, and Ramsey County along with funding secured by CRWD.

The group also looked 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. Restoration work is ongoing.

DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEM

Plant swap and Halloween event planning will be carried over to next meeting.

SET AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

- a. Plant Swap Follow Up
- b. Halloween Event Planning
- c. Stormwater Topics of Interest
- d. Schedule Joint Meeting with Falcon Heights Commission Regarding Arbor Day Foundation Programs

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

LAUDERDALE ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION AGENDA TOPIC FORM

Meeting Date October 21, 2025

Agenda Item Goal Setting

Action Requested

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

DESCRIPTION OF TOPIC:

This is the twelfth meeting of the Commission! One year has passed. The Council would like to recognize the Commission at one of their meetings in November. We can discuss during the meeting which is better for Commissioners.

With one year completed, it seems like a good time to set goals and an agenda for the new year. Staff's objective for the first year was to introduce you to information and experiences that we thought would be helpful. We set out with the attached rough schedule and followed it to some degree. Also attached are the list of topics of interest of members from our first meetings. It would be helpful to create something similar for 2026 based on the priorities of the group.

We should also discuss membership. One seat it open because of the death of Greg Williams.

LAUDERDALE ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION 2025 TOPIC SCHEDULE

Focus: Pollinator Health
Native Plantings / Forestry
Stormwater Management

- December 17, 2025: Green Step Cities
What it is? How does it work?
City's accomplishments to date.
How do we get to Steps 3 and beyond?
- January 21, 2025: Sustainability Fair
Communication Channels
Subcommittees
- February 18, 2025: Pollinators and Native Plantings – Speaker Russ Henry
Sustainability Fair
- March 18, 2025: Honey Bees (Invite Speaker Diane Galvin)
No Mow May
Sustainability Fair
- April 15, 2025: Pollinator Next Steps
Sustainability Fair
- May 20, 2025: Speaker on Native Trees / Restoring Tree Canopy
Luther Seminary Wooded Area Zoning
- June 17, 2025: Schedule Tour of Eureka Recycling
- July 15, 2025: Discussion on Native Trees / Restoring Tree Canopy
- August 19, 2025: Discussion on Native Trees / Restoring Tree Canopy
- September 16, 2025: Nature Area:
Seminary Pond - Tour with Capitol Region Watershed District Staff
Japanese Knotweed Eradication – Ramsey County
- October 21, 2025: Stormwater Opportunities – MWMO Speaker
- November 18, 2025: City Stormwater Management / MS4 Permit
- December 16, 2025: Planning for 2026

Urban Forestry and Bird /Pollinator-Friendly Landscaping

- Migratory Birds

- Pollinator Health

 - Native Bees, Lawns, Edible Landscapes (Russ Henry, Giving Tree Gardens)

 - Honey Bees (Diane Galvin, Resident)

 - “No Mow May”

- Native Plants and Trees

 - Urban tree canopy research

 - Tree diseases

 - Tree planting

 - DNR Tree Grant

 - Air Quality

- Invasive Species Eradication (Justin Townsend, Ramsey County)

 - Japanese Knotweed

 - New Invasives

 - Public education and support

Recycling, Composting, and Waste Reduction

- Recycling – (Ramsey County Staff)

 - SCORE Funding

 - SCORE Incentive Funding

 - Waste Event Support

 - Organics

 - Yard Waste

 - Household Hazardous Waste

 - Electronics

 - Recycling Ambassadors

 - New Environmental Services Center (Possible Tour When Open)

- Recycling – Eureka! Recycling (Facility Tour)

- Garbage

 - Organized Collection

 - Ramsey/ Washington Recycling and Energy Center (Facility Tour)

Stormwater Management and Water Conservation

- MS4 Permit

 - Street Sweeping / Yard Waste

 - Adopt-a-Drain

 - Winter Salting

 - Pet Waste

 - Illicit Discharge Detection

- Inflow / Infiltration Grant

- Watershed Districts

 - Cleanup Events

 - Grant Programs

 - Rain Gardens

 - Permeable Pavement

Rain Barrels / Residential Composting

Home Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Options

Xcel Energy (Government Affairs Rep)

Electricity / Street Lighting

Gas

Tree Trimming

Solar

Incentives / Rebates

Electric Charging Stations

Solar

Residential Programs

Community Solar Gardens

Energy Efficiency Programs (Center for Energy and the Environment)

City Sponsored Programs

County Sponsored Programs

Sustainability Planning

Met Council Planning (Regional Sector Rep)

Comprehensive Plan

Greenhouse gas tools

Regional indicator initiative

Ramsey County

Transportation and Transit

Metro Transit

Metro H – Como Avenue Bus Rapid Transit

Complete Streets Policy (required for GSC Step 3)

Noise Pollution

Light Pollution