

**LAUDERDALE ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY
COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA
7:00 P.M. TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2025
LAUDERDALE CITY HALL, 1891 WALNUT STREET**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **ROLL CALL**
3. **APPROVALS**
 - a. Agenda
 - b. Minutes of October 21, 2025 Meeting
4. **INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATIONS / REPORTS**
5. **DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEM**
 - a. Climate Action Planning Grant with Ramsey County Climate Health Educator Gregory Goodwine
 - b. Membership Update
6. **SET AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING**
 - a. Member Appointments
 - b. 2026 Meeting Calendar and Topics of Interest
 - c. Establish Member Reach-Out Areas
 - d. Climate Action Plan – Public Engagement Survey
7. **ADJOURNMENT**

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Topic: November 18, 2025 Lauderdale Environment and Sustainability Commission

Time: Nov 18, 2025 07:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

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**LAUDERDALE ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
6:00 P.M. TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2025
LAUDERDALE CITY HALL, 1891 WALNUT STREET**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Winkelaar called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

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

APPROVALS

Chair Winkelaar asked if there were any suggested changes to the October 21, 2025, commission meeting agenda or the September 16, 2025, commission meeting minutes. There being none, Prochniewicz made a motion to approve. Carlson seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATIONS / REPORTS

DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEM

A. September Plant Swap Follow Up

Winkelaar mentioned that several folks turned out for the plant swap despite the cold weather. She mentioned she was interested in planning another plant swap in 2026.

B. Halloween Event Planning

Commission members didn't think of a way to participate in the Halloween event. It will be something to consider for next year.

C. 2026 Goal Setting

Butkowski noted that the commission is about to celebrate its first anniversary. Before year end, the commission needs to renew the terms for Ann Sisel and Bryan Carlson, should they want to stay on the commission. Greg Williams' spot is open. Members asked staff to find out whether Mindy Nakamoto planned to remain on the commission as she has missed most of the meetings. Staff will report back at the next meeting.

Members identified three primary events for next year. Additionally, the members discussed hosting another plant swap in spring and hosting educational events. One idea was to invite people from the insurance industry to present on how climate change is affecting rates and coverage. Staff are discussing options for a joint meeting with the Falcon Heights Commission to partner on a tree give-away event through the Arbor Day Foundation.

- April – Sustainability Fair
- July – Day in the Park

- September – Arbor Day Tree Event with Speakers

SET AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

- a. Climate Action Planning Grant with Ramsey County Staff
- b. December: Set Annual Schedule including Joint Meeting with Falcon Heights Environmental Commission
- c. December: 2026 Topics of Interest

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

LAUDERDALE ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION AGENDA TOPIC FORM

Meeting Date November 18, 2025

Agenda Item Sustainability Plan

Action Requested

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

DESCRIPTION OF TOPIC:

Ramsey County applied for a grant to assist cities in Ramsey County with climate action planning. Lauderdale, Roseville, and Shoreview are part of the grant. The goal is to have the plan done by the middle of 2026.

Gregory Goodwine is the Climate Health Educator working with cities on the project. He will be at the meeting to discuss the grant and the process to develop a plan that meets the objectives of the grant, the City, and the County.

Creating a plan is a heavy lift. Staff is glad to have the technical assistance included with the grant, but staff will rely on the commission and city council to provide direction on what the city should focus on and how to achieve success.

Attached to the email is an example of one topic area of the plan framework that staff have worked on. There are six topic areas. We will start working on the framework during the meeting, time permitting.

Clean Transportation

Connect people to places and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through a safe, equitable and sustainable multi-modal transportation system.

Is the following goal relevant to your organization? Does it need to be revised?

Goal 1. Plan transportation network that supports sustainable, multi-modal transportation.

	Is this action relevant to your org.? Does it need to be revised, eliminated or replaced?	Rank or prioritize actions	Identify your org.'s role per action	Identify your org's lead department for this action	Identify departments in your org that would need to support this action	What resources does your org. have that could support the following actions?	What resources does your org. need to advance the following actions?	Who are the potential external partners in this work?
1.A) Track state and federal funding opportunities and collaborate with the Metropolitan Council (Met Council) to direct more resources towards non-motorized transportation and public transit. Funds would support improved pedestrian, bicycle and public transit facilities that are accessible, safe, and desirable to people of all ages, abilities and skill levels.	No, the City of Lauderdale doesn't apply for State and Federal funding.	Low	Support Ramsey County	Admin	Council	Staff time	NA	Ramsey County
1.B) Use community input and data to understand evolving transportation needs of underserved and climate-vulnerable communities, apply findings to transportation plans.	Yes	Mid	Gather data	Admin	NA	Staff time	Access to means to gather data	Ramsey County
1.C) Prioritize new or reconstructed multi-modal transportation projects that close infrastructure gaps (such as sidewalks, bike trails, and bus stations) for people walking, bicycling, rolling, and taking transit. Ensure these projects improve equitable access to infrastructure, safety, and roadway function.	Yes	Low	Partner with Ramsey County / MnDOT	Admin	Council	Staff time	These would be on County and state roads. City would support efforts.	Ramsey County / MnDOT
1.D) Promote multi-modal transportation options, including pedestrian, bicycle, and public transit, in plans and projects.	Yes	Low	Partner with Ramsey County / MnDOT	Admin	Council	Staff time	These would be on County and state roads. City would support efforts.	Ramsey County / MnDOT
1.E) Encourage developers, employers, and communities to adopt practices and policies that equitably expand spaces for people to walk, bike and roll.	Yes	Low	Partner with Ramsey County / MnDOT	Admin	Council	Staff time	These would be on County and state roads. City would support efforts.	Ramsey County / MnDOT
1.F) Work with the Met Council to expand Bus 3 to include periodic routes in Lauderdale referred to Bus 3L internally.	Yes	High	Lobby Met Council and County staff	City Council	Administration	City Council and Staff	Influence with Met Council	Met Council and Ramsey County.

Is the following goal relevant to your organization? Does it need to be revised?

Goal 2. Make it equitable and easier for all ages and abilities to use the multi-modal transportation network.

	Is this action relevant to your org.? Does it need to be revised, eliminated or replaced?	Rank or prioritize actions	Identify your org.'s role per action	Identify your org's lead department for this action	Identify departments in your org that would need to support this action	What resources does your org. have that could support the following actions?	What resources does your org. need to advance the following actions?	Who are the potential external partners in this work?
2.A) Improve access to and accessibility of non-motorized vehicle infrastructure. Seek out ways to reduce cost of public transit for residents.	Yes	Low	Supporter	Admin	Council	Staff time	Outside org to lead effort	Ramsey County and non-profits
2.B) Provide educational opportunities for residents on how to safely use and access public transit and multi-modal networks.	Yes	Low	Supporter	Admin		Staff time	Outside org to lead effort	Ramsey County and non-profits
2.C) Launch projects that temporarily demonstrate improvements for people walking and biking to assess opportunities for permanent improvements.	Yes	Low	Supporter	Admin		Staff time	Outside org to lead effort	Ramsey County, Mn/DOT, non-profits

2.D) Implement transportation demand management policies.	No	Low	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
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Are there other actions that your org. is taking or could take to advance this goal?

Is the following goal relevant to your organization? Does it need to be revised?								

Goal 3: Reduce transportation-related greenhouse gas emissions.	
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	Is this action relevant to your org.? Does it need to be revised, eliminated or replaced?	Rank or prioritize actions	Identify your org.'s role per action	Identify your org's lead department for this action	Identify departments in your org that would need to support this action	What resources does your org. have that could support the following actions?	What resources does your org. need to advance the following actions?	Who are the potential external partners in this work?
3.A) Offer telecommuting as an emissions reduction strategy through increased flexibility in telework and hybrid work schedules for staff, particularly on poor air quality and extreme weather days.	Yes	Low	Decision Maker	Admin	Council	IT infrastructure	May allow if possible.	NA Partner with Ramsey County, Mn/DOT and Watershed Districts Other government org experimenting with clean vehicles Other government org experimenting with clean vehicles
3.B) Coordinate with partners to manage stormwater and support transportation infrastructure resilience to extreme weather.	Yes	Low	Supporter	Admin	Council	Staff time	Partnerships	
3.C) Set clean vehicle targets for fleet.	Yes	Low	Purchaser	Admin	Public Works	Funding	Information on whether these vehicles will meet our needs.	
3.D) Accelerate the retirement and replacement of inefficient fleet vehicles. Pursue grant funding to support fleet conversion to EV and charging station installation for residents.	Yes	Low	Supporter	Admin	Public Works	Funding	Information on whether these vehicles will meet our needs.	
3.E) Prioritize the reuse of materials throughout construction processes to minimize carbon footprint of transportation construction projects.	No, contracted out.							
3.F) Establish or expand an affordable, electric vehicle car rental/share system.	Yes	Low	Supporter	Admin	Council	Information sharing.	Partnerships	Unknown
3.G) Install safe and accessible bike parking at facilities, where feasible.	Yes	Medium	Decision Maker / Supporter	Admin	Council	Can put them on city property but most useful place would be along county roads.	County Partnership	Ramsey County
3.H) Establish clean vehicle expectations for procurement contracts.	Yes	Low	Supporter	Admin	Public Works	Funding	Information on whether these vehicles will meet our needs.	Learn from other government orgs purchasing clean vehicles

Are there other actions that your org. is taking or could take to advance this goal?

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