

**City of Falcon Heights
Environment Commission
Meeting Minutes DRAFT
October 8, 2012**

Present: Commissioners Diane Ross, Peggy Hall, Isaac Mielke, Rebecca Montgomery, Mayor Peter Lindstrom, Deb Jones (Staff).

Absent: Brian Goodspeed, Jeff Connell, Nina Semmelroth, Ethan Wagner

1. The meeting was called to order in the conference room at 6:30. The minutes for July, August and September were approved.
2. **Beekeeping Ordinance.** Commissioners went over the draft put together by staff. The draft is based on the model ordinance from the Minnesota Hobby Beekeepers Association with additions from the City of Minneapolis ordinance. Changes and corrections were made. Commissioner Montgomery moved, Ross seconded, to send the ordinance draft to the City Council. The vote was 3 in favor, 1 opposed.
3. **Recycling Innovation Grants.** Staff liaison Jones asked for ideas we could use to apply for one of the County's recycling innovation grants. She will be meeting with Jean Buckley from Ramsey County and Jim Bownik from Lauderdale because it has been suggested we might do a joint project with Lauderdale. Commissioners offered a list of ideas, including public education on organics recycling, partnership with CTV on composting, a mattress recycling program (similar to Duluth), a community restaurant, and some kind of outreach to businesses.
4. **Sustainability Workshops.** Mayor Lindstrom provided information about the upcoming sustainability workshops. The students will help each community develop an action plan. It is not necessary to attend both workshops.
5. **Adjournment.** The meeting adjourned at about 8:15 p.m. Chickens will be the main topic of the next meeting.

