

**City of Falcon Heights
Environment Commission
Meeting Minutes
July 8, 2013**

Present (subject to correction): Commissioners Brian Goodspeed, Isaac Mielke, Rebecca Montgomery, Kathryn Hartman, Patty Holmes, Nina Semmelroth, Peggy Hall, Deb Jones (Staff).

Absent (subject to correction): Council Member Beth Mercer-Taylor, Jeff Connell, Ethan Wagner

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 by Commissioner Hartman. A quorum was present. April minutes were approved. Those who went on the Tennis tour in May shared their impressions
2. **Ice Cream Social Outreach.** The Commission will have an information table at the Ice Cream Social July 25. Staff ordered the faucet aerators to give away, with the approval of the City Administrator. Planning their outreach activity for the event, Commissioners shared their recent activities and researches, including the Transition Towns event in April in St. Anthony Park. The plan is to bring people in by giving out the aerators and try to get them to indicate their sustainability interests among five areas: Waste and Recycling, Transportation, Water, Food and Energy. Commissioner Hartman suggested giving out the ThreeActions chart. Staff will add that to the flyer that was created in an earlier year to make a handout. Commissioner Holmes will make posters for the table. Hartman and Holmes volunteered to take turns at the table during the event.
3. **Recycling Contract.** Commissioners voted to recommend a two year extension of the contract with Tennis Sanitation, with further discussion of three topics: (1) Falcon Heights serving as a pilot site if Tennis initiates organics recovery; (2) Ask Tennis to help provide more recycling outreach to residents in multi-family buildings, especially in other languages; (3) Engage Tennis in working with the City on a communication plan.
4. **Announcements**
 - a. The mailing for the grant-funded bulky waste pickup pilot program will be going out any day. Residents will be eligible for one pick-up of up to two large items. Every participant will be required to complete “before and after” surveys.
5. **Adjournment.** The meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.