

**City of Falcon Heights  
Environment Commission  
Meeting Notes (No Quorum)  
October 14, 2013**

Present: Commissioners Brian Goodspeed, Isaac Mielke, Peggy Hall, Deb Jones (Staff).

Absent: Rebecca Montgomery, Jeff Connell, Ethan Wagner, Nina Semmelroth, Patti Holmes, Kathryn Hartman, Jeff Connell, Beth Mercer-Taylor

1. There was no quorum by 6:45, so the meeting was not officially called to order. The September minutes will be tabled until the next meeting.
2. **Guest Speakers: Ashley Pethan and Maranda Lemanick, University of Minnesota.** The visiting students gave a presentation about the upcoming Sustainability Festival that will be held November 14 at Silverwood Park in St. Anthony. The event will run from 5:30 to 8:00 – people can come at any time. The event is presented by the students in the Sustainability 4004 class. This year’s project is an effort to engage the community in sustainability.
3. **Grant opportunities.** Those present worked with staff on the CERT Seed Grant application, which is due Friday. The project concept moved in the direction of encouraging residents to install solar energy systems – Falcon Heights has just passed an ordinance to regulate and facilitate private solar energy installations – or participate in a community solar garden. The Mayor will be asked for a letter of support. The final application is attached.