

City of Falcon Heights Environment Commission

City Hall
2077 Larpenteur Avenue West

AGENDA

Monday, July 10, 2023
6:30 p.m.

A. CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL: Beth Mercer-Taylor (Chair) ____ Jared Mehlhaff ____
John Pellegrini (Vice-Chair) ____ Amy Christiansen ____
Emma Kostecki ____ Stephanie Skarolid ____
Pedro De Filippo Vannucci ____

Council Liaison Meyer ____
Staff Liaison Lynch ____

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. May 8, 2023

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. Stop Food Waste Challenge
2. Ice Cream Social

F. INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Staff Liaison Report
2. Council Liaison Report

G. ADJOURN

If you have a disability and need accommodation in order to attend this meeting, please notify City Hall 48 hours in advance between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at 651-792-7600. We will be happy to help.

Next regular meeting date: August 14, 2023

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Minutes

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B. ROLL CALL:

Beth Mercer-Taylor (Chair)	<u>X</u>	
John Pellegrini (Vice-Chair)	<u>X</u>	Jared Mehlhaff <u>X</u>
Emma Kostecki	<u>A</u>	Amy Christiansen <u>X</u>
Pedro De Filippo Vannucci	<u>X</u>	Stephanie Skarolid <u>A</u>
Council Liaison Meyer	<u>A</u>	
Staff Liaison Lynch	<u>X</u>	

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1. April 10, 2023

Commissioner Christiansen made a motion to approve the minutes from April 10, 2023. Minutes were approved by consent.

E. AGENDA

1. Xcel Energy – Partners in Energy Program

Staff Liaison Lynch shared the presentation from Xcel that will be shown to City Council on May 10, 2023 and invited the Environment Commission to attend. The Commission discussed questions to ask after the presentation and potentially setting up a booth at the Ice Cream Social in July for program information.

2. EV Smart Certification Program Updates

Staff Liaison Lynch gave an overview of the EV Smart Certification Program. She explained she met with representatives from the program and developed priorities for the City. There are three certification levels – bronze, silver, and gold. Currently the City of Falcon Heights is on tract for a bronze certification, however silver may be attainable as well.

F. Information and Announcements

1. Staff Liaison Report

Liaison Lynch reminded the Commission about the Spring Together event scheduled for May 20, 2023 from 4-6 PM at Curtiss Field. Chair Mercer-Taylor offered to bring the Climate Chaser vehicle as a display in the parking lot. The Commission also discussed additional games to have at the table.

The Commission also discussed the possibility of a Ride and Drive event at the Ice Cream Social in July and talking about watershed grants and opportunities at a future meeting.

2. Council Liaison Report – None.

G. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Next regular meeting date: June 12, 2022

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Stop Food Waste Challenge

Become a 2023 Stop Food Waste Challenge Partner

Hennepin County, Ramsey County, and Washington County are partnering to reduce wasted food as part of achieving our waste and climate action goals.

As part of this effort, the counties are offering the Stop Food Waste Challenge (available at stopfoodwaste.ecochallenge.org) to engage residents in learning about why food goes to waste and committing to actions that will help them make the best use of the food they buy.



But we can't do it alone!

Partners help:

- Expand our reach by promoting the challenge to their audiences.
- Strengthen engagement in the challenge by creating teams of colleagues, friends, and neighbors who motivate and hold each other accountable.
- Increase our impact by offering educational events on topics that help prevent food waste.

About the Stop Food Waste Challenge

The Stop Food Waste Challenge will help participants learn more about food waste and improve skills in cooking, planning, shopping, and storage.

The challenge has more than 40 actions to choose from in five categories. Participants check off the actions they already take, then select up to five one-time actions and five daily actions to track progress on during the month-long challenge. Participants get email updates with resources and tips as well as opportunities to connect and share with others.

Registration will be open throughout July 2023, and the challenge will take place August 1 to 31, 2023.

The online Stop Food Waste Challenge is powered by Ecochallenge.



Partnership request

We are seeking partners to help increase promotion, recruitment, and engagement for the challenge. Organizations such as yours can use the connections you have with your audience – whether that be employees, organization members, customers, program participants, neighbors, or more – to increase participation and make the event a big success! There are also opportunities to share your food-related expertise.

There's no cost to become a partner, and we offer different levels of recognition in return for your efforts. Partners can participate in more than one level.

Partner level	Your commitment	In recognition for completing the commitment, we will:
Silver: Promotions	Promote the challenge to your audience (200 people or more) through channels such as emails, social media, fliers, newsletters or other announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acknowledge your organization in our newsletters and social media about the event • Display your organization logo on the Stop Food Waste Challenge partner webpage
Gold: Team recruitment	<p>Start a Stop Food Waste Challenge team and recruit your audience to join the challenge</p> <p><i>or</i></p> <p>Recruit members of your audience to form teams and provide incentives to participate</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acknowledge your organization in our newsletters and social media about the event • Summarize your team participation numbers and team impact reports at conclusion of event (for teams or organizations with a minimum of 25 participants) • Display your organization logo on the Stop Food Waste Challenge partner webpage
Platinum: Host an educational event	Host a public, in-person or virtual educational event on a food waste prevention topic during the Stop Food Waste Challenge (e.g. cooking demo, food preservation training, meal planning workshop)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cross-promote your event or on our social media channels • Promote your educational event in the Stop Food Waste Challenge emails sent to all participants • Display your organization logo on the Stop Food Waste Challenge partner webpage

Support

All partners have access to a media kit that includes customizable articles, social media posts, graphics, email messages, and fliers/posters to make sharing about the event easy.

During the challenge, those in the Team Captain role will have access to an easy structure for communicating with your team members.

Next steps

If you are interested in becoming a partner, complete our [partnership form](#). On the form, you will submit information about your organization and the commitment level(s) of your choice.

Submit by Friday, June 30, to have your logo displayed during registration. The final deadline for partner submission forms is July 18.

Have questions? Contact zwc@hennepin.us

Evaluation and acceptance of partnership forms

Please note that the counties reserve the right to determine whether any aspect of a partnership application satisfactorily meets the criteria, the right to seek clarification or additional information from any applicants, and the right to waive any irregularities or informalities that the counties deem is in their best interest.