

# City of Falcon Heights Environment Commission

City Hall  
2077 Larpenteur Avenue West

Minutes

Monday, October 9, 2023  
6:30 p.m.

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

B. ROLL CALL:

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

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*Chair Mercer-Taylor made a motion to approve the agenda. Agenda was approved by consent.*

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. September 11, 2023
2. September 18, 2023

*Chair Mercer-Taylor made a motion to approve the minutes from September 11, 2023 and September 18, 2023. Minutes were approved by consent.*

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. Purple Air – Air Quality Monitors

*Commissioners discussed the potential for purchasing Purple Air Quality monitors and the placement of these throughout the City. Several locations for placement included City Hall, the new Community Park building after its construction, Falcon Heights Elementary School, around the Larpenteur and Snelling intersection and/or Curtiss Field, and potentially somewhere in the Northome Neighborhood. Commissioner Pellegrini made a motion to purchase five Purple Air Quality Monitors. A vote was taken and all were in favor. Staff Liaison Lynch stated she would look into how to move forward with this, whether that be an approval by Administrator Linehan or going through City Council.*

2. Partners in Energy – Partners Discussion

*Commissioners discussed the Partners in Energy program and the kickoff that was held on September 18, 2023. There is a need to come up with a list of potential team members for the Energy Action Team as well as materials for outreach. Staff Liaison Lynch offered to draft materials and bring them back to the November Environment Commission meeting for review. A list of partners that were thought of included Falcon Heights Church, Falcon Heights Elementary School, UMN students, businesses in the City, The Good Acre, Gibbs Farm, Bell Museum, the State Fair, Coffman Residents, CAP Region Watershed, the Lions Club, Rotary Club, Warner's Stellan, multifamily property managers, the Community Engagement Commission, the Somali-American community within the City, and other contacts that Commissioners may know.*

**F. Information and Announcements**

- 1. Staff Liaison Report – Staff Liaison Lynch went over recent updates in the City including the Gibbs Farm Redevelopment, a potential development in the parking lot next to Amber Union, an update on the City Hall solar panels, and the upcoming topic for the Nature Newsflash article in the City newsletter.*
- 2. Council Liaison Report – None.*

**G. Adjourn**

*Meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.*

*Next regular meeting date: November 13, 2023*