



City of Farmers Branch

Minutes

Sustainability Committee

Fire Station #2
13333 Alpha Link
Farmers Branch, TX, 75244

Wednesday, February 11,
2026

6:00 PM

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Meeting held at 6:00 PM

Presiding: Lisa Massey, Vice-Chair

Present: Price Trosin, Chairperson
Ted Spradley, Secretary
Val Clark
Loren Rives
Suzette Vaquera
Essirifi Sackeyfio

Absent: Al Mahesh
Jasper Morse

Staff: Alex Pharmakis, Sustainability Manager

A. CALL TO ORDER

Lisa Massey called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm on February 11, 2026.

B. CITIZEN COMMENTS

No comments received.

C. AGENDA ITEMS

C.1 Consider approving minutes from the January 14, 2026 meeting; and take appropriate action

Suzette Vaquera motioned to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Essirifi Sackeyfio. Motion passed unanimously.

C.2 Receive staff updates on sustainability initiatives

Alex Pharmakis provided the following updates:

- Staff hosted a sustainability table at the State of the City event on January 29.
- The Boards and Commissions Banquet will be held on Saturday, February 21 (6-8 pm) at the Branch Connection.
- Provided dates for upcoming City events that have volunteer or tabling opportunities. Will send an email to see availability for participation.
- Water Rebates:
 - 135 toilet replacements approved.
 - 17 irrigation checkup applications approved.

The next Sustainability Committee meeting will be on March 11.

C.3 Receive a presentation on the LEED for Cities Designation

Alex Pharmakis provided an update on the LEED for Cities certification program that staff have been working on as part of a national cohort of cities and counties. The City of Farmers Branch earned the Gold designation, achieving 67 of 110 potential points. Alex provided information on the requirements of the programs and noted how multiple departments and regional partners helped the City score well.

Members asked about marketing the designation. Staff have already completed some marketing that will be sent out and are currently working on a video to explain and promote the achievement.

Members asked about the requirements of some of the credits and if discontinued city programs could have assisted in scoring more points.

C.4 Receive subcommittee updates

- **Built and Natural Environment**
- **Water Conservation**

Built and Natural Environment

- No updates received.

Water Conservation

- Asked for an update on the water meter software. Alex Pharmakis informed the committee that they have met with the Utilities division and most of the capabilities requested from the Committee will be included in the software. The subcommittee will play a role in the education of residents to utilize the software when it is available. Estimated rollout will be in the summer.

C.5 Receive an update from Committee members on activities attended

Ted Spradley is attending a Building Operator class through the South-central Partnership for Energy Efficiency as a Resource (SPEER).

Lisa Massey attended the Monarch Conservation webinar series monthly meeting.

C.6 Discuss agenda items for future Sustainability Committee meetings

Lisa Massey mentioned composting and the possibility of a pilot program for opt-in curbside pickup for food waste.

Essirifi Sackeyfio asked for clarification on public transit discussions as it relates to the Sustainability Committee. Alex Pharmakis will get information and follow up with the committee.

D. ADJOURNMENT

Suzette Vaquera made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Price Trosin. Motion approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Chair

Secretary