



City of Farmers Branch

Minutes

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

Sustainability Committee

Wednesday, July 9, 2025

6:00 PM

Fire Station #2

Meeting held at 6:00 PM

Presiding: Price Trosin, Chairperson

Present: Lisa Massey, Vice-Chair
Ted Spradley, Secretary
Val Clark
Suzette Vaquera
Loren Rives
Jasper Morse
Essirifi Sackeyfio

Absent: Al Mahesh

Staff: Alex Pharmakis, Sustainability Manager

A. CALL TO ORDER

Price Trosin called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm on July 9, 2025.

B. CITIZEN COMMENTS

No comments received.

C. AGENDA ITEMS

C.1 Introduction of new member

Essirifi Sackeyfio, introduced himself to the committee. Essirifi was recently appointed by City Council to the Alternate #2 position on the Sustainability Committee.

C.2 Consider approving minutes from the June 11, 2025; and take appropriate action

Lisa Massey motioned to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Loren Rives. Motion passed unanimously.

C.3 Receive staff updates on sustainability initiatives

Alex Pharmakis provided the following updates:

- Members must complete their ethics and anti-harassment training by August 5th and provide documentation to the City Secretary.
- The Active Transportation Plan and Complete Streets Policy is planned to be presented to the City Council on August 19.
- LEED for Cities Certification: Work is ongoing, with goal of completion by end of year
- Grants: The City did not receive the electric vehicle grant from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.
- The technical review of the greenhouse gas inventory was completed. No major changes were made from what was previously presented to the committee.
- The City Council's sunset review was completed at the June 17 meeting. The Sustainability Committee will stay in place until the next review in five years. The vacancy on the committee was filled.
- Water Rebates:
 - 116 toilet replacements approved.
 - 14 irrigation checkup applications approved.
- The Compost 101 Workshop will be held on Saturday, September 13, 2025 at the Community Garden.

The next Sustainability Committee meeting will be August 13.

C.4 Receive subcommittee updates

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

Built and Natural Environment: Waiting on notification from Texan by Nature on award application

Communications: Met to discuss fall events such as Halloween in the Park. Asked if an advertisement within the Firehouse Theatre programs would be feasible in order to promote programs.

Water Conservation: No updates

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

Ted Spradley led a trip with students from the Brookhaven Garden Club to Mind Your Garden Urban Farm in Fort Worth.

Lisa Massey attended the Native Plant Society's presentation on planting in shade.

Essirifi Sackeyfio and Price Trosin attended a recent Town Hall meeting

C.6 Discuss agenda items for future Sustainability Committee meetings

- Discussion on tree preservation, particularly old growth trees
- Potentially creating a new subcommittee focusing on the economic development aspect of renewable energy technologies

D. ADJOURNMENT

Loren Rives made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Lisa Massey. Motion approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Chair

Secretary