



City of Farmers Branch

Minutes

Sustainability Committee

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

Wednesday, June 10, 2026

6:00 PM

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Meeting held at 6:00 PM

Presiding: Price Trosin, Chairperson

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

Absent: Al Mahesh

Staff: Alex Pharmakis, Sustainability Manager

A. CALL TO ORDER

Price Trosin called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm on June 10, 2026.

B. CITIZEN COMMENTS

No comments received.

C. AGENDA ITEMS

C.1 Consider approving minutes from the May 13, 2026 meeting; and take appropriate action

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

C.2 Receive staff updates on sustainability initiatives

Alex Pharmakis provided the following updates:

- The City signed the contract with the new tree giveaway event supplier
- Switch Together – Offers will be sent for those who signed up by June 17.
- Sustainability and Parks staff are working on a project to reduce irrigated water use in parks and medians.
- Alex hosted a table at the Public Works event on May 20.
- Water Rebates:
 - 147 toilet replacements approved.
 - 18 irrigation checkup applications approved.

The next Sustainability Committee meeting will be on July 8.

C.3 Provide recognition for outgoing members

Val Clark and Loren Rives received plaques in recognition for their service on the Sustainability Committee.

C.4 Elect a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and Secretary for the period of July 2026 through June 2027

Alex Pharmakis informed the committee that the following nominations were received at the last meeting. Price Trosin for Chairperson and Lisa Massey for Vice Chairperson.

Ted Spradley was nominated for Secretary. No other nominations were received.

Lisa Massey motioned to elect the officers as nominated. The motion was seconded by Essirifi Sackeyfio. Motion passed unanimously.

C.5 Receive a presentation from the Built and Natural Environment Subcommittee regarding an educational series

Loren Rives and Val Clark provided a presentation on an educational series. On the topic of native plants and urban gardening, the speakers provided information on potential partners and mentioned hosting a native plant sale. They also noted that there are opportunities for educational partnerships with the Library and Parks departments. Examples from other cities were provided for improving water quality and watershed health.

Members of the committee discussed opportunities to increase composting and xeriscaping. Other initiatives such as storm drain labelling, hosting a repair café, and guided nature walks were also discussed.

C.6 Receive subcommittee updates

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

Built and Natural Environment

- Provided their presentation to the rest of the committee during a previous agenda item.

Water Conservation

- Price Trosin updated the committee on the beta testing for the new water dashboard. Overall the experience of using the tool was favorable, but worked better on a laptop than a phone.

C.7 Receive an update from Committee members on activities attended

Lisa Massey and Loren Rives attended the Bird City subcommittee of the Parks and Recreation Board.

Val Clark and Lisa Massey attended a show at the Firehouse Theatre.

C.8 Discuss agenda items for future Sustainability Committee meetings

The following items were requested. Reviewing ideas presented from Built and Natural Environment subcommittee, mini-forests in urban areas, subcommittee review.

D. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Chair

Secretary