



City of Farmers Branch

Minutes

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

Sustainability Committee

Wednesday, October 8,
2025

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
Val Clark
Al Mahesh
Suzette Vaquera
Jasper Morse
Essirifi Sackeyfio

Absent: Loren Rives

Staff: Alex Pharmakis, Sustainability Manager

A. CALL TO ORDER

Price Trosin called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm on October 8, 2025.

B. CITIZEN COMMENTS

No comments received.

C. AGENDA ITEMS

C.1 Consider approving minutes from the September 10, 2025 meeting; and take appropriate action

Lisa Massey 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:

- The Active Transportation Plan and Complete Streets Policy will go to Council on November 4.
- The City worked with Carrollton and the Council of Governments on a Roadway Safety Audit on Josey Lane.
- The Sustainability Committee will provide its annual update to Council on November 4.
- The Compost 101 Workshop was held on Saturday, September 13 and had 10 attendees.
- LEED for Cities preliminary results were received. The final application will be submitted in early November.
- Upcoming events:
 - Haunts and Houses (Tabling opportunity): October 16.
 - Shredding and Electronics Recycling: October 25.
 - Tree Giveaway: November 8.
- Water Rebates:
 - 117 toilet replacements approved.
 - 14 irrigation checkup applications approved.

The next Sustainability Committee meeting will be on November 12.

C.3 Discuss Sustainability Committee goals for 2026

Committee members identified energy and composting as potential goals for 2026. Ideas included energy rebates or home energy audits to provide resources for residents to lower their electricity bills and reduce energy usage. The possibility of contracting with a company to provide curbside compost collection for residents who choose to opt-in. Strategies for leaf collection in the fall were also mentioned.

Committee members asked to rank their choices in a future meeting to prioritize goals.

C.4 Discuss subcommittee objectives and the potential for adding or removing subcommittees

Built and Natural Environment: Identified xeriscaping and composting as objectives to focus on in the future.

Communications: Mentioned that in order to increase visibility of sustainability efforts, it would require additional resources and volunteers. Hosting a table at a National Night Out event next year would be a good way to engage with interested residents.

Water Conservation: Has worked to establish rebate programs and support the smart meter rollout, but acknowledged that future work in reducing non-revenue water loss will come from infrastructure improvements. So there is the potential to replace the subcommittee to focus on energy or composting. An opportunity that may need to be explored is business engagement.

C.5 Receive subcommittee updates

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

Built and Natural Environment: No updates

Communications: Created outreach cards for members to hand out when speaking with residents.

Water Conservation: Commented about the water meter replacement project in the Oakbrook neighborhood which will provide individual meters to the residents. Potential to bring about more attention to conservation.

C.6 Receive an update from Committee members on activities attended

Essirifi Sackeyfio attended the Sun Day Solar Tour.

Ted Spradley attended the Dallas College – Eastfield sustainability event

Al Mahesh and Price Trosin attended an event with the state representative

Ted Spradley and Lisa Massey attended the National Night Out event at Squire Park.

C.7 Discuss agenda items for future Sustainability Committee meetings

No new items.

D. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Chair

Secretary