



City of Farmers Branch

Minutes

Sustainability Committee

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

Wednesday, May 13, 2026

6:00 PM

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Meeting held at 6:00 PM

Presiding: Price Trosin, Chairperson

Present: Lisa Massey, Vice-Chair
Val Clark
Al Mahesh
Essirifi Sackeyfio
Suzette Vaquera

Absent: Ted Spradley, Secretary
Loren Rives

Staff: Alex Pharmakis, Sustainability Manager

A. CALL TO ORDER

Price Trosin called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm on May 13, 2026.

B. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Jasper Morse asked if the City has thought about offering a rebate program to assist EV owners in installing a charging station at their home.

C. AGENDA ITEMS

C.1 Consider approving minutes from the April 8, 2026 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:

- Thanked volunteers who assisted with Fishin' Fun and Cooks Creek Cleanup events.
- Loren Rives and Val Clark will not be seeking another term.
- Jasper Morse was removed from the committee due to the attendance policy
- Staff hosted Earth Day tables at the Branch Connection and Library to promote sustainability programs on April 22.
- Preliminary budget items were submitted to Finance
- Sustainability and Parks staff are working on a project to reduce irrigated water use in parks and medians.
- Public Works hosted a cleanup event at Cooks Creek on May 9.
- Water Rebates:
 - 146 toilet replacements approved.
 - 18 irrigation checkup applications approved.

The next Sustainability Committee meeting will be on June 10.

C.3 Discuss upcoming elections for Committee Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, and Secretary

Alex Pharmakis informed the committee that they will be electing officers at the June meeting for one-year terms. He provided the roster of current officers and the responsibilities of each position. He asked for nominations any time between now and June meeting.

Price Trosin was nominated for Chairperson and Lisa Massey was nominated for Vice Chairperson.

C.4 Receive a presentation from the Built and Natural Environment Subcommittee regarding an educational series

Price Trosin requested the item be tabled until the June meeting when all planned speakers would be in attendance. Essirifi Sackeyfio motioned to table the item. The motion was seconded by Lisa Massey. Motion passed unanimously.

C.5 Receive subcommittee updates

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

Built and Natural Environment

- Will provide a presentation to the committee next month.

Water Conservation

- Price Trosin asked if there was a timeline for testing the water meter portal. Alex Pharmakis informed the subcommittee that due to the accelerated timing there may no longer be an opportunity to pilot the portal or it may be a very short window due to the accelerated timeframe for the launch.

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

Price Trosin attended the Fishin' Fun and Cooks Creek Cleanup events.

Valerie Clark attended the Fishin' Fun event.

Lisa Massey joined a subcommittee of the Parks and Recreation Board focused on achieving the Bird City designation for the city.

C.7 Discuss agenda items for future Sustainability Committee meetings

Al Mahesh requested to present on composting initiatives.

Essirifi Sackeyfio requested a future item on communicating sustainability programs and initiatives to residents.

D. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Chair

Secretary