



City of Farmers Branch

Minutes

Sustainability Committee

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

Wednesday, March 11,
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
Val Clark
Al Mahesh
Loren Rives
Suzette Vaquera
Essirifi Sackeyfio

Absent: Jasper Morse

Staff: Alex Pharmakis, Sustainability Manager

A. CALL TO ORDER

Price Trosin called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm on March 11, 2026.

B. CITIZEN COMMENTS

No comments received.

C. AGENDA ITEMS

C.1 Consider approving minutes from the February 11, 2026 meeting; and take appropriate action

Suzette Vaquera 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 was recognized for a DFW Clean Cities Fleet Recognition Award.
- City Council recalled the DART election and will remain a member of the transit agency.
- The Boards and Commissions Banquet was held on Saturday, February 21 (6-8 pm) at the Branch Connection.
- Staff is working on a request for quotes for the new tree giveaway vendor.
- Water Rebates:
 - 136 toilet replacements approved.
 - 17 irrigation checkup applications approved.

The next Sustainability Committee meeting will be on April 8.

C.3 Provide recognition to committee members for five years of service

Al Mahesh, Loren Rives, Val Clark, and Price Trosin were all recognized at the Boards and Commission Banquet for five years of service on the sustainability committee. Members were recognized again at the meeting in case they were not able to attend.

C.4 Discuss upcoming events and committee participation

Alex Pharmakis provided a list of upcoming events that the Sustainability Committee could host a table at. Typically, the committee has tabled two events per year, but that is not a requirement. Based on availability of committee members, the committee will host a table at the Fishin' Fun event.

C.5 Receive subcommittee updates

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

Built and Natural Environment

- Mentioned the compost workshop and discussed alternative formats and times to increase participation.

Water Conservation

- Discussed xeriscaping and rainwater harvesting as potential ideas to increase conservation.
- Mentioned ways to encourage residents to utilize the app when the software is available for monitoring.

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

Most members attended the Boards and Commissions Banquet.

Essirifi Sackeyfio attended a City Council meeting.

C.7 Discuss agenda items for future Sustainability Committee meetings

Lisa Massey mentioned having a presentation on the landfill and mechanisms to increase diversion.

Loren Rives mentioned environmental impacts of data centers.

D. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Chair

Secretary