

**Environmental Committee Meeting Agenda
City of Prairie Village
Community Center Building, 77220 Mission Road
Wednesday, June 24, 2026
5:30 PM**

I. Call to Order

II. Approval of the Agenda

III. Approval of Minutes

- A. Minutes

IV. Presentations

V. Old Business

- A. Consider sponsorship of the 2026 Go Green Environmental Fair
- B. VillageFest update (Johanna/Rick)
- C. Mayor's Monarch Pledge update (Piper)
- D. Grant programs (Garry)
- E. Solid waste update
- F. Annual calendar (Jim)
- G. Climate Action Project prioritization (Ashley)

VI. New Business

- A. Other committee initiatives

VII. Informational Items

- A. Upcoming meetings and events

VIII. Adjourn

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**Environmental Committee
City of Prairie Village
May 27, 2026**

Prairie Village Public Works Conference Room

Call to Order

The Environmental Committee of Prairie Village, Kansas, met in regular session on Wednesday, May 27, 2026, at 5:34 PM. Councilmember Jim Sellers presided. The following committee members were in attendance: Magda Born, Mae Ellen Terrebonne, Tamara McMahan, Jeff Roberts, Piper Reimer, Penny Mahon, Garry Polley, Drew Richardson, Johanna Comes, Rick Wohlfarth, Jim Sellers. Staff present: Ashley Freburg.

Approval of the Agenda

Mr. Sellers presented an updated agenda for approval. The update added the following items to the agenda:

- 75th Anniversary Parade review (old business)
- Native Plant sale after action review (old business)
- VillageFest updates (old business)
- Mayor's Monarch Pledge update (old business)
- Climate Action KC Quarterly Meeting recap (old business)
- Solid Waste Contract update (old business)
- Review Strategic Documents (new business)
- Project Prioritization next steps (new business)
- Committee annual calendar (new business)
- Mission Statement review (new business)
- Upcoming meetings and events (informational items)
- Sign-up sheet for meeting minutes (informational items)

Ms. Terrebonne made a motion to approve the updated agenda. Mr. Wohlfarth seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Roberts made a motion to approve the agenda. Ms. Mahon seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Presentations

Old Business

Consider sponsorship of the 2026 Go Green Environmental Fair

Sponsorship of the 2026 Go Green Environmental Fair was included in the committee's 2026 budget. The Environmental Committee has been a sponsor of the event since its inception. However, the Committee does not currently have a representative on the Go

Green planning board. The item was tabled while committee members considered whether they could volunteer to be the city's representative for the event.

75th Anniversary Parade review

Prairie Village's 75th Anniversary Parade, celebrating Prairie Village "Through the Decades" was held May 2 on Mission Road. Members of the Environmental Committee walked in the parade together and handed out 320 packets of seeds for native plants.

Native Plant sale after action review

Deep Roots KC hosted a native plant sale in the parking lot of the Skate Park at Harmon Park on May 9. The Mayor's Monarch Pledge subcommittee participated in the sale, handing out native seeds. Ms. Reimer noted issues with parking during the sale due to a number of events happening in the area that day. Mr. Roberts's native garden was on the Deep Roots garden tour that day.

VillageFest updates

VillageFest will be held July 4 on the municipal campus at 7700 Mission Road. The setup for the Environmental Committee tents at VillageFest will be the same as in past years. Several volunteers will be needed, so committee members were advised to watch their email for a link to sign up.

Mayor's Monarch Pledge update

Ms. Reimer noted she is working with Public Works Director Keith Bredehoeft to find a date that will work to meet.

Climate Action KC Quarterly Meeting recap

Mr. Sellers stated that he attended the Climate Action KC quarterly meeting and gave an update on Prairie Village's compost program. He said Prairie Village is perceived as a leader in a lot of areas when it comes to environmental and sustainability initiatives.

Solid Waste Contract update

Mr. Sellers provided an update that the City will likely issue a request for proposals for solid waste services to begin in 2027. Previously, staff and city council anticipated a contract extension with the current solid waste provider, Republic Services. However, Republic's price for the extension was higher than staff anticipated.

New Business

Discussion of ongoing committee commitments, review strategic documents, project prioritization next steps

Ms. Freburg shared the committee history regarding Race to Zero, the Climate Action Guide, and the Climate Action Plan, noting that the city does not employ any sustainability

Informational Items

Upcoming meetings and events

- VillageFest - July 4, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Environmental Committee meeting - June 24, 5:30 p.m.
- Environmental Committee meeting - August 26, 5:30 p.m.
- Environmental Committee meeting - September 23, 5:30 p.m.
- Environmental Committee meeting - October 28, 5:30 p.m.
- Environmental Committee meeting - December 9, 5:30 p.m.

Sign-up sheet for meeting minutes

Ms. Freburg noted that she intends to take minutes in the city's new agenda and meeting management system, so a sign-up sheet was not needed at this time.

Adjourn

Mr. Wohlfarth made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. McMahon seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Committee Focus	Budget	Annual Plan		Monarch Pledge		Event Planning and Support			Climate Plan-- Council Recommendations			Decision Package
Events				OP Recycle	Native Plant Sale		VillageFest		JazzFest			

Biodiversity
Electrification
Energy efficiency
Transportation
Waste

Project	Sponsor(s)	Description	Strategy	Project Size	Duration	Staff Assistance	Council?	Proposed	Committee Status		
									Scored	Approved	Scheduled
Monarch Waystation	Piper	Butterfly friendly native plant plot in Bennett park	Biodiversity	Med	ongoing	High		Yes		Yes	Ongoing
Bennett Park hedgerow addition		Native habitat around Monarch waystation	Biodiversity	Med	one time	High		Yes		Yes	Ongoing
Bennet Park monarch signage		Signage for community awareness / education	Biodiversity	Med/High	one time	High		Yes		Yes	Ongoing
Bennett Park pesticide free signage improvement	Piper	Update from PW	Biodiversity	Med	one time	High				Yes	Ongoing
Develop Wassmer Park pesticide free plan		Replace non-organic chemicals	Biodiversity	Large	one time	Med					
Plan to expand native beds in Meadowbrook (work with JCPRD)		Discuss possibilities with JCPRD	Biodiversity	Large	one time	Med					
Community Garden support		Provide supplemental budget for non-capital items	Biodiversity	Small	ongoing					Yes	Ongoing
All parks chemical free			Biodiversity	Large	ongoing						
City hall native plants/landscaping		input on landscaping plan to maximize native plants	Biodiversity	Med	one						
GoGreen	Committee	Rae Nicholson to update committee as needed	Community	Small	as needed	Low					
Olathe sustainability best practice benchmarking	Rick	Idea generation	Community	Med	one						

Climate Action KC liaison and support		Liaison	Community	Small	ongoing				Yes	Ongoing
Other activities at city events		variable	Community	Variable	annual					
City website content supporting EC		community awareness / education	Community	Med/High	ongoing					
School Environmental Grant program	Melinda	Grant program for pre-K/elementary schools	Community	Med	annual				Yes	
Add environmental impact note to all council agenda items	Nathan	Focus council on how decisions impact Race to Zero	Community	Med	Ongoing	Med				
Limit HOA's ability to deny solar panels		HOA's can specify how, but not if	Electrification	Med	Ongoing	Low	Yes			
Deep Roots Native Plant Sale	Johanna/Piper	Volunteers	Events	Small	annual	Med			Yes	9-May
75th Anniversary parade	Johanna, Jeff	Committee participate in parade	Events	Med	annual	Low	No	Yes	Yes	2-May
Village Fest	Johanna, Rick	Magpie run a craft activity at committee booth, need committee volunteers	Events	Large	annual	Low	No	Yes		4-Jul
Jazz Fest		Family oriented environmental activities	Events		annual	Low	No			
Steam Night	Melinda		Events	Small	annual					
OP Recycling event		Support OP's event with volunteers	Events	Small	annual	Low			Yes	11-Apr
Greenhouse gas inventory		support Race to Zero / Climate Plan commitment	Race to Zero	Large	annual	High			Yes	

First Washington large cardboard bin	Piper	Resident drop-off for large boxes	Waste	Med	ongoing	Med	TBD	Yes	
Curbside glass recycling	Committee	All homes	Waste	Large	ongoing	High	Yes	Yes	
Waste Management presentation	John Blessing-- WM	wants to attend a meeting, needs response	Waste	Small	on hold during contract quiet period	Low			
Reduce restrictions on trash/recycle bins	Rick	loosen barrier requirements	Waste	Large	ongoing	High	Yes		
Commercial/multi-family best practice toolkits for waste diversion	Rick	Detailed guide/checklist	Waste	Large	one	Med			
Commercial foodwaste compost mandate	Rick	Introduce new regulation(s)	Waste	Large	ongoing	High	Yes		
Multi-family glass grant program	Rick	Leverage MF density to recycle glass	Waste	Large	pilot	High	Yes		
Compost at city events		collect compost at events, require vendors to compost	Waste	Large	annual	High			
Large item pick-up			Waste	Med	annual			Yes	Annual
Mattress recycling program			Waste	Med	annual			Yes	Annual
Compost dropoff program expansion		marketing and outreach to build participant count	Waste	Med	TBD			Yes	Ongoing
Teardown/rebuild demo recycling		Upcycle/recycle building waste from teardowns	Waste	Large	Ongoing	High	Yes		

Upcoming Meetings and Events
Monday, June 15, 2026

Juneteenth observed – city offices closed	06/19/2026	
Juneteenth Celebration	06/19/2026	6:00 p.m.
Environmental Committee	06/24/2026	5:30 p.m.
VillageFest Committee Meeting	06/25/2026	5:30 p.m.
Tree Board	07/01/2026	6:00 p.m.
Independence Day observed – city offices closed	07/03/2026	
VillageFest	07/04/2026	7:30 a.m.