



**Environmental Committee
City of Prairie Village
June 24, 2026**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m. The following members were in attendance: Mae Ellen Terrebonne, Melinda Lewis, Tamara McMahon, Jeff Roberts, Penny Mahon, Garry Polley, Johanna Comes, Rick Wohlfarth, Jim Sellers. Staff present: Ashley Freburg.

Approval of the Agenda

Ms. Lewis made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Ms. Terrebonne and passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes

Mr. Wohlfarth made a motion to approve the May 2026 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Mahon and passed unanimously.

Presentations

Old Business

Consider sponsorship of the 2026 Go Green Environmental Fair

Ms. Terrebonne volunteered to serve as Environmental Committee's liaison for the 2026 Go Green Environmental Fair stating she would be available to participate in planning discussions as scheduled for the first Friday of each month. After discussion, Ms. McMahon made a motion to sponsor the 2026 event at \$200, as consistent with past events. Mr. Wohlfarth seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

VillageFest update (Johanna/Rick)

VillageFest will be held July 4 on the municipal campus in Harmon Park. Ms. Comes and Mr. Wohlfarth shared details of the Environmental Committee's planned participation for this year's event and noted volunteers were still needed, especially for the second shift. Committee members present signed up for specific volunteer tasks, including the craft table, seedball table, bee station, and the Environmental Committee's information table.

Mayor's Monarch Pledge update (Piper)

Mr. Roberts shared that several members of the Environmental Committee met with members of Public Works staff to talk about next steps for a Monarch Waystation at Bennet Park. An area in the park has been identified for this purpose, and Mr. Roberts created a list of native plants to be shared with staff.

Grant programs (Garry)

Mr. Polly stated that he is scheduled to meet with Deputy City Administrator Nickie Lee on June 25 to learn more about the city's sustainability grant and other grant programs offered through the Community Development Department in hopes of finding ways to expand the program, consistent with the City's Climate Action Guide.

Solid waste update

Mr. Sellers provided an update on the status of the city's solid waste contract. The City Council has voted to continue discussions with GFL for a contract to begin in 2027. Mr. Sellers said a contract with GFL would keep the cost down compared to continued service with Republic Services. He noted environmental benefits include:

- GFL runs recycled natural gas vehicles
- There is a credit rebate back to the city for waste that is diverted (ie food compost program, mattress recycling, etc.)
- GFL will also provide tonnage reports for both solid waste and recycling

Annual calendar (Jim)

Mr. Sellers presented the annual calendar and stated it is intended to be a working document to help manage the committee's priorities throughout the year.

Climate Action Project prioritization (Ashley)

Ms. Freburg shared a proposal prepared by Keramida, the city's sustainability consultant, for a workshop to help prioritize the items outlined in the Prairie Village Climate Action Guide. This proposal is the result of conversations at the May 2026 Environmental Committee Meeting where a motion was made to seek assistance in this area.

Task 1 in the Keramida proposal is a half-day virtual workshop at a cost of \$4,000 or a half-day in-person workshop at a cost of \$4,500. Task 2 is the development and implementation of item-specific implementation roadmaps at a cost of \$6,000 per road map.

Ms. Freburg noted that funds to cover an in-person workshop exist in the 2026 Environmental Committee budget. These funds are available because of unused dollars in the line items for event composting and the sustainability grant for educational institutions. More research needs to be done to determine if funds are available to begin any of the roadmaps in 2026.

The committee discussed what a half-day workshop might look like, with Ms. Freburg suggesting a meeting that would start earlier than the committee's 5:30 start time and include a meal.

The committee also discussed the pros and cons of in-person vs. virtual noting there may be the opportunity for a more robust and engaging exercise if it is facilitated in person.

Ms. Terrebonne made a motion to accept Task 1 of Keramida's proposal for an in-person workshop at a cost of \$4,500. Ms. Mahon seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The general consensus of the committee was they would discuss potential implementation roadmaps after the initial workshop.

New Business

Other committee initiatives

Mr. Sellers opened the discussion for any new business items.

Mr. Wohlfarth proposed asking city staff to add an environmental impact note to every agenda item that goes before the city council, much the same way as the fiscal note that is currently part of the discussion. The goal of this exercise would be to help keep environmental impact, specifically the race to zero commitment, as a focus of all conversations rather than an after-thought.

The committee expressed general support for the idea. Mr. Sellers noted he would ask City Administrator Wes Jordan about the feasibility.

Informational Items

Upcoming meetings and events

Adjourn

Mr. Polly made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Ms. McMahon and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.