

**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:

- 75<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Parade review**

Prairie Village's 75<sup>th</sup> 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.