

The Prairie Village Environmental Committee met at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, September 24, 2025, in the Prairie Village City Hall multipurpose room. The recording secretary was Travis Wymore.

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m.

Members in attendance were: Vice Chair Ian Graves, Amy Brooks, Magda Born, Johanna Comes, Nathan Kovac, Melinda Lewis, Tamara McMahon, Jeff Roberts, Rick Wohlfarth, Travis Wymore, youth member Brynn Bettenhausen and staff liaison Ashley Freburg

Approval of the Agenda

Rick made a motion to approve the agenda, and Melinda seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Approval of August 2025 Minutes

Magda made a motion to approve the minutes, and Amy seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Presentation

Magna Born gave a presentation on the Urban Forestry Event with special emphasis on the Linda Hall Library.

Old Business

JazzFest Recap: Various members who attended the event offered feedback on the success of the composting project. Three vendors were fully compost compliant; three were partially compliant. There was some contamination in the composting and recyclables.

Native Plant Sale Recap:

Members of the committee who attended the native plant sale reported strong and enthusiastic attendance. There was also positive discussion on the prevalence of monarchs in the city. Ashley offered support for the new location for the sale in the skate park parking lot versus the pool parking lot.

New Business

Ian made a presentation on the recommended 2027 budget and offered review of the 2026 budget. Regarding the 2026 budget, Ashley offered commentary on budgeted items that have been specifically allocated versus merely designated for possible uses. Of the \$10,900 allocable budget, approximately \$2500 has yet to be specifically designated (attributable to the new school grant program and community garden utilizations). Everyone agreed to table discussion on the 2027 budget for a later meeting.

Announcements

Ian called the following announcements with some group discussion:

- Next meeting: October 22, 2025
- Go Green Event Update, 10/18/25, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm, Powell Community Center

- Northeast JoCo Recycling Event: 10/11/25, 9:00am - 12:00 pm, Nations Holding, 9001 W. 67th St.
- Tree Board's Fall Tree Seminar, "What's Bugging Our Trees?": 10/1/25, 7:00 pm, Meadowbrook Park Clubhouse
- Next meeting: October 22, 2025, 5:30 pm City Hall MPR
- Guest Speakers: - October - Prairie Roots Collective, Dena Sneed
- Diversity Forum: forum November 5th from 6:00-8:00 at the Meadowbrook clubhouse on environmental justice.

Adjournment

Ian made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Melinda seconded the motion. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.