

The Prairie Village Environmental Committee Meeting met at 5:30pm on Wednesday, October 22, 2025, in the Prairie Village City Hall Multipurpose Room. The recording secretary was Johanna Comes.

The meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m.

Members in attendance: Greg Shelton (Vice Chair), Ashley Freburg (Staff Liaison), Brynn Bettenhausen, Amy Brooks, Travis Carson, Johanna Comes, Nathan Kovac, Melinda Lewis, Penny Mahon, Piper Reimer, Jeff Roberts, Rick Wohlfarth, and Travis Wymore.

Approval of the Agenda

Piper made a motion to approve the agenda. Nathan seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Approval of the September 2025 Minutes

Rick made a motion to approve the minutes. Nathan seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Presentation

Presentation by Dena Sneed, who is the owner and principal practitioner of Prairie Roots Collective. The mission of Prairie Roots Collective is to support organizations and individuals in managing distressing emotions related to climate crises.

New Business

Waste Diversion: Greg reported that the waste diversion service contract for the City of Prairie Village will expire in 2026. The City of Prairie Village will consider changes in services when negotiating the new contract. Changes may include adjustments to waste pick-up schedules. Members of the Environmental Committee are encouraged to provide input on services that may be included in the Request for Proposal (RFP).

Compost Pilot Program: Ashley reported that the Compost Pilot Program will come to an end February 2026. 23,380 pounds of compost have been collected since the pilot started in July 2025. Almost 500 Prairie Village residents have signed up for access to the compost drop off bins through the KC Can Compost website. New drop off bins have been purchased to expand the number of drop off sites. The parks chosen for the installation of the new bins were determined with input from Prairie Village community members. There are no updates on the arrival date of the new bins. The bins, upon arrival, will be located in Taliaferro Park, Franklin Park, and Porter Park.

Old Business

2027 Budget Requests: Greg encouraged committee members to continue to consider requests for the 2027 Environmental Committee Budget. Requests will be discussed at a future meeting.

Status of the Community Climate Action Plan: Greg reported that on November 3, 2025, the Prairie Village City Council will vote on whether Prairie Village will adopt the Community Climate Action Plan.

Go Green Environmental Fair Report: Nathan, who assisted in organizing the event with other Northeast Johnson County community members and sponsors, reported that the event had an excellent turnout. The Go Green Environmental Fair was held at the Powell Community Center in Mission, Kansas on October 18, 2025. Many vendors and nonprofit organizations participated.

Northeast Johnson County Recycling Event Report: Piper Riemer reported that as in previous years, this remains a popular event. The event was held on October 11, 2025, in Merriam, Kansas. Accepted items for the event included recyclable electronics and eye glass donations. Paper shredding was offered. A few members of the Prairie Village Environmental Committee volunteered at this event.

Announcements

- Ashley announced that a Prescription Drug Take Back Day event will be held on October 25, 2025, at the Prairie Village Police Department parking lot.
- Greg announced that the Prairie Village Diversity Committee will sponsor an Environmental Justice Town Hall on November 5, 2025, at 6pm at the Meadowbrook Park Clubhouse.
- Greg announced that since he chose not to run for re-election for City Council, his term as Vice Chair of the Prairie Village Environmental Committee will end December 2026.
- Next meeting: December 6, 2025 at 5:30pm.

Adjournment

Travis Wymore made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Rick Wohlfarth seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.