

MINUTES

ROLL CALL

Present: Hart, Heid, Larson, Lyng, Myers, Pendaz-Foster, Presler, Sande

Absent: Greenberg, Hanelitz

Staff: Jenna Wolf, Water Resources Specialist; Kayla Kirtz, Sustainability Coordinator

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

A. April 16, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Sande motioned to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2025 Sustainability Committee Meeting and Lyng seconded. The meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Guest Speaker: Jenna Wolf, Water Resources Specialist

Jenna Wolf, Water Resources Specialist for the City of Robbinsdale, gave a presentation to the Sustainability Committee. Wolf discussed her various job duties and highlighted ways in which the Sustainability Committee can support her work, including:

- Advocating for legislation related to PFAS
- Adopting a storm drain and encouraging neighbors and residents to adopt a storm drain
- Informing the community that the Robbinsdale storm drains drain into Crystal Lake
- Advocating for amended yard waste pick-up dates
- Creating a citizen's association for Crystal Lake
- Planting rain gardens
- Attending City events
- Assisting with the creation and distribution of educational materials
- Attending City Council meetings
- Identifying funding sources for water resources work

B. Recap of Compost Giveaway and Native Plant Kit Pick-Up

The Committee discussed a recap of the Compost Giveaway and Native Plant Sale Kit Pick-Up which was held on Saturday, May 17th. Members of the Committee said that the event was a success and would anticipate an even bigger event in the future. One Committee member suggested more clear communication about the designated time frame for compost pickup. Another Committee member suggested hosting a compost giveaway twice a year. Heid stated that he would draft a thank-you note to the Dakota Prairie Compost Facility for the Committee to review and approve.

C. Adopt a Park: South Halifax

Following the City Forester's presentation at the April Sustainability Committee Meeting, the Sustainability Committee expressed interest in adopting South Halifax Park through the City's Adopt-a-Park Program. Kirtz explained the procedures for adopting a park and the Committee unanimously agreed that they would adopt South Halifax Park. Sande volunteered to be the spokesperson and fill out and submit the necessary form to the City. The Committee agreed upon June 17th at 5:00 p.m. for the first park clean-up day.

D. Summer Schedule

The Committee discussed cancelling their July meeting to accommodate busy summer schedules. The Committee agreed to make a formal decision on canceling at the June Committee Meeting.

E. City Council Meeting

Kirtz suggested that the Committee decide upon a date to give formal recommendations to the City Council. The Committee voiced preference for giving a formal presentation at a City Council Meeting rather than giving a more informal, conversation-based presentation at a City Council Work Session. The Committee agreed to prepare a presentation for October 2025.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

INFORMATION ONLY

Kirtz informed the Committee that the upcoming Diggers Garden Club Plant Sale on June 7th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. would be another opportunity to table.

ADJOURNMENT

Kirtz adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.



Kayla Kirtz, Staff Liaison

June 20, 2025

Date