



CITY OF OREM

NATURAL RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES

DATE: 09/03/2026

ROOM: City Council Conference Room

TIME: 5:00 PM

ADDRESS: 56 N State St, Orem, UT

Commission Members In Attendance: Hilary Hungerford, Sarah Bateman, Paul Dunn

Commission Members Absent: Bob McFadden, Tara Bishop

Council Members in Attendance: Jenn Gale

Orem Staff in Attendance: Bradley Day, Kaitlin Marsh

Hilary called the meeting the order.

1. **WM Tour Update:** Bradley explained that the tour is scheduled for October 1st at 5:00 PM. with a 30-minute duration. The Commission will travel via city vehicle departing at 4:00 PM. The Mayor will be invited to attend.
2. **Library Events Updates & Planning**
 - a. Kaitlin shared that the Leaf Event is scheduled for October 12th at 6:00 PM at the library greenhouse. Confirmed activities include Mod Podge leaf jars, leaf printing, and leaf art. There will not be a cyanotype activity at this event. Sarah suggested that commission members could bring jars to the event if they have extras.
 - b. Seed swap event scheduled for February 23rd at the library. Utah Native Plant Society will provide native seeds for the event. Commission members will brainstorm booth ideas in a later meeting.
 - c. NRAC Awards night scheduled for March, featuring presentations on water-wise landscaping. The previous winners have confirmed.
3. **Winter Events Planning**
 - a. Hilary suggested that the "Walk and Talk" event around Utah Lake be postponed to focus on more current events going on. The commission

agreed. Hilary suggested an alternative wrapping paper activity in November. Sarah suggested a winter market booth as a space for the wrapping paper activity.

- b. Sarah proposed a "homemade gift series" on social media featuring upcycled items like soda can earrings.

4. Rooted In Orem Update

- a. There will be a tree planting event at Lakeside Park scheduled for September 10th at 9:00 AM.
- b. The Tree Sales Pilot program for residents sold 30 trees within 2 days. The commission was encouraged to share it with their communities. Kaitlin shared the statistics from social media posts surrounding the tree sales program.
- c. The commission discussed vendor selection criteria in response to community feedback regarding using local Orem businesses.

5. Ideas From Commission Members

- a. Hilary led a discussion with commission members regarding topics that have been on their mind. Paul discussed a potential partnership with Cornell University researchers regarding urban tree mapping for cooling effects.
- b. Sarah shared about the LDSes Treenote Speaker coming to UVU on October 24th.
- c. Hilary proposed analyzing municipal water usage data post-October to assess conservation impacts.

6. Approval of meeting minutes (08/06/2026)

- a. Motion given by Paul Dunn to approve minutes
- b. Motion seconded by Sarah Bateman
- c. Voting Members: Hilary Hungerford, Sarah Bateman, Paul Dunn all voted yes; none opposed
- d. Motion to approve NRAC meeting minutes from the 8/6/2026 meeting passes

7. Adjourn

- a. Motion given by Sarah Bateman to adjourn meeting
- b. Motion seconded by Paul Dunn

- c. Voting Members: Hilary Hungerford, Sarah Bateman, Paul Dunn all voted yes; none opposed
- d. Motion to adjourn passes

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