



Keep Winter Park Beautiful & Sustainable Advisory Board Regular Meeting Minutes

May 19, 2026 at 11:45 AM

City Hall Commission Chambers
401 S. Park Avenue

Present

Becky Distad, John Page, Zeina Matar-Ghantous, Susy Scarlatos, Tom Mould (virtually)

Staff Present

Director of Natural Resources & Sustainability Gloria Eby, Sustainability Manager Nicole Marshall, Administrative Coordinator Victoria Tabor, Sustainability Specialist Mason Hetrick

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 11:47 a.m. The decorum statement was read.

2. Approval of Minutes

a. Minutes of April 21, 2026

The April 21 minutes were tabled until the June meeting due to staff training on the minutes.

3. Public Comments (for items not on the agenda)

4. Action Items

5. Non-Action Items

6. Staff Updates

a. Natural Resources & Sustainability

Nature Photography Contest – Ms. Marshall spoke about the nature photography contest.

- Runs through the month of June. The deadline is June 30th.
- Judged by the KWPB board.
- Does not need to be a Winter Park resident, but must be within Winter Park boundaries.
- This year, registration is entirely online.
- Submit up to two photos for judging.

Winter Park Housing Authority Garden Talks – Ms. Marshall referenced the Plymouth and Meadows community garden "Garden Talks" event. The Garden Talks were held to drive interest in the community gardens.

- Great turnout for Plymouth Senior Living Garden Talk.
- Low turnout for Meadows Garden Talk.
- Bringing new raised beds to Plymouth Senior Living.

Martin Luther King Jr. Learning Garden — Mr. Page asked Ms. Marshall how successful the harvest tables have been at the Winter Park Library and Community Center. Ms. Marshall said the free veggies are taken very quickly.

- Vegetable harvests are donated to the community center and Winter Park Library.
- Upcoming events "Worm Race & Release" and "Vermicomposting."

America 250 Decorate Your Doorstep — Contest information is now available. The webpage, including a landing page with contest details and an online submission form, is now available for residents to submit their photos. Residents and businesses are participating in separate contests. Judging will take place on June 30th.

Ms. Eby spoke about the utility box initiative, under which 73 units have been improved thus far. A more detailed list is being prepared by the utilities department and will then be sent to our facilities team.

Ms. Marshall discussed past events, including the Waste & Recycling talk to Cub Scouts, the Lake Killarney Dock Party, the Run for the Trees 5K/Mother Earth Day, and a thank-you to Mr. Page for his final meeting.

b. Upcoming Events

- Fix It! Don't Pitch It! — May 30th 8 am @ Community Center
- Paddleboard Cleanup — June 6th 8 am @ Lake Killarney
- Vermicomposting Workshop — June 18th 10 am @ MLK Learning Garden
- Board Appreciation Event — June 18th 5:30 pm @ Winter Park Events Center

Ms. Marshall explained that "Fix it! Don't Pitch It!" is a volunteer-based event in which "fixers" in the community donate their time and talent to repair WP residents' broken items instead of throwing them away.

7. Board Comments

- a. Discussion of Public Comments Received
- b. Green Minutes

Ms. Distad spoke during Green Minutes about an event with her son. She was impressed by recyclable coffee cups and by students working at a waste-diversion station.

Ms. Scarlatos asked Ms. Marshall for updates on the Green Business Program. Ms. Marshall responded that the Green Business Program newsletter is further along.

c. New Business/Announcements

8. Upcoming Agenda Items

a. Discussion of Upcoming Agenda Items

Ms. Eby stated that the next meeting had been moved to allow time to vote on the Decorate Your Doorstep contest. The deadline for submissions is June 26th.

Mr. Page expressed gratitude for the work done by the attending departments.

9. Adjournment

Ms. Distad adjourned the meeting at 12:06 p.m.

Approved by the board on June 30, 2026
/s/ Mason Hetrick, Board Coordinator