

BERKLEY ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting of May 19, 2026

6:30 PM

Berkley Community Center

Minutes

1. Welcome and Introductions

Present:

Chair Mark Richardson

Members Madeline Alexander, Tricia Losey, Nicole Burgess,
Noel Rendelman,

Councilperson Gary Elrod, Staff liaison Diane Brus

Absent: Caroline Brohn-Dicks

Call to order 6:39pm

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Losey, seconded by Burgess; motion approved

3. Approval of Minutes, April 2026 meeting

Motion by Losey, seconded by Burgess; motion approved

4. Public Comment

None

5. Chairperson's Report: (Richardson)

None

6. City Council Liaison Report: (Councilperson Elrod)

Tree Board gave away 150 native trees and planted trees for Arbor

Day

City selected Plante Moran for study of property assets EOL, existing
property valuation and planning for future city government
facilities.

7. Staff Liaison Report: (Brus)

E-recycling event on Saturday, May 23

Weather permitting

Event is outdoors at Community Center, 10am to 2

Shredding, electronics, styrofoam

Lithium batteries - require Berkley residency (check IDs)

Diane is leading and will coordinate volunteers

Need 10 volunteers - 9:30am to 2pm

Dorothea pocket park will have events again this summer

Contact Shawn for availability

Recycling at events

effectively Contamination is a major issue; commonly not able to recycle

SOCORA facility tour

Plan for later in the year

Kuhn drain/basin tour

Stormwater overflow facility

Committee is interested; will explore

Energy Plan - 2019

Street lighting and municipal buildings have LEDs installed

More detail for future discussion

8. Report on clothing swap April 25 (all)

Attendance lower than expected

Discussed future improvements for finding data via searching / web presence

Consider tangible marketing (cards) for future BEAC events

9. Discussion Item: e-recycling day May 23

Covered above. No additional commentary.

10. Discussion Item: native plant sale, May 31

Outside the Community Center

10am to 2pm

Requesting city marketing (electronic and marquees etc)

Noel coordinating sign up for students to volunteer

10a. Action on native plant bed installation - at Community Center

\$1,848 of credit available in credit

BEAC can clear the space and then work with vendor to install

Installation planned for 6/3/2026

Motion to authorize Losey to negotiate and spend up to \$1,600

Motion by Losey, second by Alexander

Motion passed

BEAC will work to prepare bed ahead of tentatively-scheduled installation

10b. Bike Corral at Berkley Art Bash

Richardson has table, banner, tent

9:30am to 6pm for 10am to 6pm event

Rendleman and Richardson to help set up and take down

11. Discussion Item: Work Plan Priority: Improving Berkley Recycling Rate (all)

Topic pushed to a future meeting.

12. Discussion Item: Work Plan Priority: Reviewing Berkley Energy Efficiency Plan (all)

Considered prioritization of green ideas; will need city buy-in

Will add to agenda for future meeting

EGLE grant available from DOE for \$5k to \$50k for local governments

Spending completed by Aug 2027
Example projects: EV charging, ordinance updates

13. Discussion Item: comments and updates on other work plan priorities
None.

14. Old Business: adopt final 2026 events calendar
Current schedule of events noted.

Event	Date
Berkley Art Bash (bike corral)	June 13, 2026
Native plant bed installation	June 3, 2026
E-recycling event - spring	May 23, 2026
E-recycling event - fall	October 10, 2026
Clothing swap - spring	April 23, 2026
Clothing swap - fall	TBD - partnership with library
Native plant sale - spring	May 31, 2026
Native plant sale - fall	September 12, 2026
SOCRRA tour	TBD
Berkley Street Art Fest (bike corral)	July 25, 2026
Touch a Truck (bike corral or table)	TBD - fall 2026

15. New Business:
Discussed initiative of Ferndale Rat Patrol; will explore future collaboration

16. Announcements:
None

17. Adjourn.
Motion by Losey, seconded by Burgess; motion approved
Adjourned at 8:18pm