

MEETING MINUTES
Chesterfield Citizens Committee for the Environment
March 23, 2017, 6:30 p.m.
City Hall, Rooms # 102-3

Mission Statement: Conservation of native, natural, and energy resources education.

All agenda items were discussed; necessary outcomes/actions are noted.

I. Call to Order/Agenda/Notices:

- A. Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.
- B. Present: Darcy Capstick, Paul Travers, Donna Pecherski, Bob Ernst, Jeanne Tevlin, Terry Grogan, Laura Houck, Su Ghosh, Polly Rutherford, Ben Keathley, Gary Budoor
- C. Absent: Jeanne Clauson, Jim Brown,
- D. City Staff Liaisons Libbey Tucker and Tom McCarthy: present
- E. City Council Liaison Guy Tilman: present
- F. Others Present: Stephen Herring, Republic Services
- G. Notices: Congratulations to Bob E. and Jim B. for renewing! Sign-Up Sheet for April Events: 4/8 MO Arbor Day 9:15 at Parks HQ; 4/18 noon bag and tag event at City Hall for Earth Day, 4/28 tree planting at 1:00 at Eberwine Park, come ready to plant four good-sized trees, & 4/29 Earth Day; indicate hours for all sign-ups, please.

II. PORTAL: minutes from 2/23/17 meeting, Republic year-to-date; Royal Oak Recycling (2/17- 6.345 tons); 2017s Demo. Garden Make-Over Gift from BiodiverCity and Butterfly House; 2017 Earth Day Flyer/Earth Day Tree Guide/LAYOUTS; Chesterfield What and Where; “International Earth Hour” Flyer 2017; CCE Brochure updated; Monarch/Pollinator Nexus List & Certificate; “4 Ps Make Chesterfield a Better Place” update, Su reported the green color is hard to read and needs to be changed; “WATER A Most Precious Resource” update; St. Louis County Dept. of Health Grant Application. Su posted the International Earth Hour on the portals of various groups while she was in India and here in St. Louis: South City Kolkata (India), a huge residential complex, India Association presidents in St. Louis, and St Louis Bengali group Punascha. Many thanks for her outreach efforts. Certificates given at Earth Day: St. John’s UCC, Butterfly House, Faust Park, Grow Native! Demo Garden and NWF Anchor Project Faust Park, Chesterfield Village Apartments, City Hall, road medians, YMCA, Amphitheater, Central Park Pool Area, Dierbergs Meditation Park, Eberwine Park, Professional Doctors Building, Pfizer/Monsanto, Chesterfield Elementary, Green Trails Elementary, Friendship Village, and Sachs Library (18 public sites in 17 years).

III. “Sustainability by Design” Projects.

- A. St. Louis County Dept. of Health Solid Waste Grant Filed-Pilot Project Recycling in Chesterfield Amphitheater – Libbey/Tom; filed on St. Patrick’s Day; we will hear on Monday, April 3 whether we were successful.
- B. Presenter: Stephen Herring, Republic Services Representative: issues, updates, trends. Concession recyclables (15 min.). He reported on updates. In 2016 most city recycling numbers were down but Chesterfield’s was **up 200 tons** to 4901 tons. Amphitheater recycling in single-stream: paper but no bathroom type waste, junk mail, file folders, newspapers, phone books, paperbacks, metal cans, plastic

containers and bottles with lids, glass containers (even broken), cardboard, all need not to be cleaned. Recycling at concessions stands will accept: aluminum foil, paper popcorn containers, small condiment containers, coffee lids but not cup, milk and juice cartons, paper food boats, plastic bottles, paper plates, plastic trays, clear plastic cups. Items that are **NOT** recyclable: coffee filters, plastic utensils, packing tissues, napkins and paper towels, Kleenex, foam cups and plates, latex gloves, and condiment packets, candy wrappers, Styrofoam plates and containers, and plastic bags/films. Public education is the biggest challenge. Republic will update their All-In-One flyer as to what is and isn't recyclable. Everyone needs to know what is and isn't recyclable in our parks. Jeanne T. suggested we should emphasize what is recyclable and not what isn't. Guy Tilman questioned Republic's plans for residential recycling containers. The larger the better or what is the transition process. Herring responded that Republic is going to the larger container if it is requested. A comment was made that older adults are having trouble moving the larger trash containers due to their weight. Su thinks we should refocus the recycle challenge on other areas of the house than the kitchen, such as the laundry and bathroom, maybe in the next City newsletter. Jeanne C. suggested that more pictures and fewer words are recommended. Gary Budoor said we need to reach out to apartments to get them to recycle. Stephen said that they are considered commercial enterprises so they are not on the same program. The City has reached out to apartments to no avail due to increased costs to tenants. Herring: Nationwide only 9.5% of businesses recycle. McCarthy reported that in Europe there are no trash or recycle containers. People bring trash in and haul it out but Americans aren't there yet.

1. Recycling & Review Updates

- Coaching the Coaches at CVAC – Jeanne T.: nothing to report yet.
- Buying Recycled Means Closing the Loop –Jeanne C. Flyer is completed and on the portal.
- Chesterfield What & Where – Donna: some businesses have dropped off and some added in terms of composting.
- Survey Questions/review for Earth Day – Ben: emailed today list of question to ask patrons on Earth Day; may need to cut it to fewer questions; list was generated by shredding options (on-site or off-site and how much they are willing to pay per unit of measure, per box, per pound, etc.). Maybe no charge if you just leave it but charge if you want to see it shredded. Be at the front of the line to ask questions. Ben will revise list by focusing on zip codes and shredding info to keep the number of questions to a minimum.
- Gen. Updates: *4 Ps, Water: A Most Precious Resource, International Earth Hour*;

C. "Earth Day" Week Calendar – everybody

1. Saturday, April 8: Missouri Arbor Day Tree Planting; 9:15 AM Parks HQ.
2. April 18 at noon - Prep Earth Day Bags – City Hall; bag and tag seed giveaways
3. Friday, April 28: National Arbor Day Tree Planting; Eberwein Park, 1:00 PM.
4. Saturday, April 29: 26th Annual Chesterfield Earth Day.

- D. NWF - Darcy, Libbey.
1. Awaiting updated nametags co-brand template.
 2. New outdoor signs for YMCA, Library, City Hall arrived? No because they haven't been ordered yet.
 3. Conservation Federation of MO Affiliates Membership Dues update: \$50.00 + \$1.00/member = \$63.00. McCarthy said that money is in our budget and is covered. Committee voted to continue with payment.
 4. Ordered NWF Butterfly Heroes group 'How to do' pledge cards. HUGE response from Girl Scouts and Butterfly House/BiodiverseCity STL/Missouri Botanical Garden. More than 525 outreach cards have been distributed.
 5. Next NWF Teleconference 4/04/17 at 3:00 pm.
- E. Update – Parks, Recreation & Arts Citizens Advisory Committee meeting of 3/11/17 –
1. Art. Councilmember Tilman reported that the art sculpture has been moved to Parks HQ area. Process has been formally adopted by Council to consult staff and citizens as to placement of art outdoors. Location is now part of the decision-making process for art objects.
 2. Farmers' Market. June 1, Live music/band and micro-businesses. June 1 thru October first Thursday of every month on Veterans' Parkway.
- F. BiAnnual Family Native Gardening Grow-Off – Darcy.
1. Ends 3/15/17 – October Conservation Honor
 2. Summer visitations: Jeanne C., Donna, Su ?
- G. Education Tabletops – sustainable gardening – updates - Donna, Jeanne C., Darcy
1. Sachs County Library – 3/6 – 3/23 update. Donna reported that everything was gone from display.
 2. YMCA – 4/10 – 4/27.
- H. Bears & Blankets in Peru 2017! Clarice Hutchins brought them to Peru. McCarthy reported that his friend goes to orphanages in Africa and could use both items for the kids. Jeanne reported that the school nurse at Westridge has a need for students; we can give her a small bag of 5-10 tonight.
- I. 26th Annual Earth Day, April 29, 2017 – everyone; meet at 9:00 am to train re-cycle helpers.
1. Tree Guide, LAYOUTS (inside/outside); View. Trees tagged & buckets labeled by City Arborist, Geoff Wergyzn, who will be there. Five tables for CCE in same location.
 - a. Indoors –Donna, Jeanne C., Bob, Polly, Laura, Mrs. Gupta (A's mother); SLTRC – Polly R. (Diane Droege Girl Scout Troop 1668 may be there), Angie Thomas may also attend.
 - b. Outdoors – Ben K., Paul T., Jeanne T. (with Paul?), Terry G. will ask 2-3 additional Boy Scouts, need to know sooner than later (Earth Day event conflicts with Spring Camporee for his Scouts at Scott AFB). Gary's friends, four kids and two adults; Darcy needs hours of availability and complete list.
 2. Native wildflower and annual seeds from Wildseed Farms Catalogs update – Bag and Tag on Tuesday, April 18, noon at City Hall. Have 209 sleeves and expect a total of 325 and they will be here April 14.

3. Native Flora given away: 2 species milkweed, 2 Fall nectar + Community Stewardship Scroll To Be Signed for metrics of distribution. Delivery plans from Lil Collins. TBA.
 4. Ranger Rick
 - a. Earth Day Birthday; pictures received/Card/Plan for Noon? – Laura, Donna; Laura is working on ideas. McCarthy suggested using cash register tape for kids to sign and that will be easy to fold up and send back with costume.
 - b. Who will be Ranger Rick + Girl Scouts – Gary, Anurak (guide) and maybe two Girl Scouts.
 - c. Ranger Rick arrives Monday, April 24 or April 25 at City Hall.
 4. Cloth Bag Sleeves to store plastic bags to be recycled/reused; Charity-Sharity – about 325? Start coming in 3/15 – 4/14.
 5. Opening Ceremony @ 10 AM: flag ceremony/overview; 2 Girl Scouts Troops. Riva Faber’s troop number is 3863 and Kim Montgomery’s is 1050.
 6. Vendors & next Eblast - Libbey
 - 7-Entertainment - Tom reported he will not be dancing or signing. But he has several people signed up for the entertainment.
 8. Noon Conservation Honors: Monarch/Pollinator Nexus Partners (18) with certificates – see DRAFT?; Tree City USA – MDOC Dan Moncheski OK; inaugural BPGREEN Challenge youth – A. Gupta OK; Happy EDBD Ranger Rick with Poster/card (Laura H. and Donna P.), 12th NWF Community Wildlife Habitat renewal certificate. Bagpipes player will ‘call’ people to central Courtyard Mall starting 11:45 AM.
 9. *Water - A Most Precious Resource* in process for Caulks/Bonhomme Creek info., 100 reusable CCE water bottles/stuffed, other water/streams handout 2/17 MDOC – Bob, Donna.
 10. All Re/Ecyclers ‘lined up’. – Libbey, Gary, Darcy.
 1. Adult helpers for drive-thru (10) – Gary.
 11. Earth Day Guides for Layout and Agenda questions – Darcy, Su G.
- J. Other. Next Meeting: April 27, 2017, 6:30 P.M., City Hall – Regular Rooms 102-3. Meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm.