

**MINUTES, JULY 27, 2017**  
**Chesterfield Citizens Committee for the Environment**  
**City Hall, Rooms # 102-3**

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

- **Call to Order** 6:15 P.M.
- **Present:** CCE Members: Darcy Capstick, Polly Rutherford, Jeanne Clauson, Donna Pecherski, Jeanne Tevlin, Su Goush, Laura Houck, Paul Travers, Gary Budoor
- **Also Present:** City Staff Liason: Tom McCarthy; Councilman: Guy Tilman; Visitors: Mary Ann Mastorakas, Ram Kurapati
- **Absent:** Liason Mary Klauke, Council Rep Ben Keathley, Terry Grogan, Jim Brown
- **Approval of June 22, 2017 minutes. The internet was not working,** and with handouts the minutes were accepted by motion from Jeanne T, with the understanding any edits must be given to Tom no later than 5:00 p.m. Friday, seconded and passed.
- Presenter Dave Berger/SLJSWM District rolled to Oct. 26, 2017.
- **Agenda/Announcements.** Remembering Patty Wiggins, who died July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017. Darcy read a letter she wrote to the family. Polly & Jeanne talked about the Longview Park “Celebration of Life” for Patty, which was very nice. Patty had brought Town and Country to “our” table in many conservation endeavors.
- Viewed laminates to show watersheds & and water usage information from last meeting.
- Donna held up the laminate poster for the watershed. Viewed ‘Second Time Round’ Poster; reusing ‘old’ America Recycles Day posters. Discussion on posters to laminate and have on display for amphitheater. Jeanne T. passed them around. Tom approved laminating all of the posters. Darcy reviewed that Ameren and Am. Lung Assoc. would be sending out current handouts.
- **PORTAL** - Darcy reviewed the purpose of the “Portal Link” on the cover email sent to members on which are attached the agenda and minutes for review prior to meeting. It is all members’ responsibility to review portal items as well.
- There is a link to the portal in email for CCE use. Tom explained how to click on the link and find documents.
- 6/22/17 minutes (D); *Republic year-to-date;*
- *Royal Oak Recycling (6/17 8.051 tons D);*
- *Remains update: 844 lbs./donation \$42.20 (D);*
- *CCE Articles for 9, 10, 11/17 city newsletter (D);*
- *BiAnnual Family Native Gardening Grow-Off Photos (D); - to be used at City Council.*
- *CCE Brochure 4/17 (N with updates Tom);*
- *CCE Roster*
- *CVAC Coaches Flyer – Jeanne T. with “NO” UPDATES, would like added to this flyer.*
- *Republic’s duplexed side for R’s All-in-One with lids/caps showing Flyer (N Tom)*
- *S. Herring’s article for city newsletter/bathroom recyclables (N Tom);*
- *Joint DRAFT Letter to NWF & CAPRA for more holistic and unified Community and Parks Measurements for Higher Sustainability-Centered Designs 5/14/17 (D);*

- 21<sup>st</sup> Chesterfield/Missouri/America Recycles Flyer with updates (N Tom); Last year's flyer has been updated. "Weather permitting" was added, and closed when lightening is present. "First come, first serve" was added.
- "Missouri's Native Bees: Important Pollinators," p. 42 – 43, "Prevent Epic Floods in the First Place," (calls for restoration of prairies, our flood plains and change to ag. practices) p. 62 – 63
- Conservation Federation, July, 2017 (D); Pg. 42 article about Native Bees and Pollinators. See CFM website.
- NWF Call Notes 6/13/17 (D);
- Missouri Conservationist, July, 2017, magazine (prairie, grasslands, and MO River articles)(D); 7/17/17
- NWF Fiscal Report Survey (D).
  
- **HANDOUTS:**
  1. Water - A Most Precious Resource 4/17 was handed out;
  2. CCE Brochure updated from 4/17 was passed out by Tom;
  3. Republic's duplexed flyer with concessions.
  4. 7/17 Missouri Conservation. Magazine passed out to everyone.
  5. *Jeanne T's bathroom/concessions flyer. There was discussion to have both the All in One and Concessions flyer to be laminated and posted at CVAC. We decided to blow up the NO side of what can be recycled. Tevlin's flyer, we're adding tinfoil and paper bags to that flyer (items that can be recycled). Tom will bring this to our next meeting.*
- **"Sustainability by Design" Projects.**
  - A. **Back to Basics:** Councilmember Tilman, Darcy. Guy Tilman explained statutory and non-statutory committees and guidelines. We began as a volunteer recycling committee, non- statutory. We evolved to CCE in 1990 with appropriate changes to our LOGO, soon thereafter. We serve the entire city, no one group or person. That's why we have reps from all wards. Each ward should have 4, plus one at large. We have 2 openings in 1; 2 openings in 2; we're full in 3 and have 2 openings in 4. Our committee does have council and city support.
    1. What CCE is working on email @ Tom's request: Power Point, virtual monarch/pollinator tour, NWF Fiscal Report, Parks Concessions Recyclables, Second BiAnnual GrowOff and Joint Letter to NWF and Capra.
  - B. **Quarterly Reading Rack Updates** – Donna, Jeanne C., Su, Darcy
    1. Republic's duplex (incl. concessions), Water AMPResource, MSD Handouts/fresh water, HHW Sites flyer, IBHoneysuckle brochure, Fresh Water Mussels Booklet, Compost flyer...(Info on Portal)
    2. CCE Reading Rack recommendation;

Donna explained that she and Jeanne are researching different racks to purchase to use for all our handouts/brochures. Jeanne C. passed a picture of a rack. Darcy suggested changing the location of the racks as well. Discussion on whether to purchase a new rack or Tom may be able to free up space on present racks. We need 6 slots. Tom will get with Donna on availability. To be reviewed at the next meeting.

C. **SLCDOHWMGroup Pilot Project Grant – Tom , Darcy, Su , Jeanne T.**

**Tom announced that he received the signed grant from county.**

1. Republic's volume from 7/17 both recyclables **and** landfill. Next date: if rains 8/12. No rain reported so rain date was not used. The volume reports were not given because we could not use the portal or internal internet connection.
2. City newsletter GRANT announcement article in August. Recycles Day 11/04.
3. Talking points: 11, 12, 1/18 brainstorm. Jot ideas down to discuss.

D. **PRAACAC – no July meeting – Tom, Darcy**

1. Next Parties off the Parkway update (8/3, 9/7...) – Tom.
2. We decided to skip the August Party on the Parkway as far as having a CCE table, and continue on September 7<sup>th</sup>. Jeanne T. did lots of work on planning for our Parties off the Parkway up to now. Includes HHW list of what is and is not OK to drop off.
3. CCE Table – discuss – everyone.
4. 3 butterfly sculptures at Eberwein Garden. One donated by artist; one purchased by City; one 'donated' by CCE Green Grant. **One of the sculptures was vandalized, but it's being repaired.**

E. **NWF – Darcy, Tom**

1. Call Notes posted to Portal; review Chesterfield! Darcy reviewed our "fanning out" with evolving sustainability teams.
2. NWF Fiscal Report summary. New Format, survey style, 21 cities on call. Darcy went over things discussed on call. Filed 7/17/17. Requested copy. This is on the Portal. Fiscal report – we earned over 130 points with NWF partially because of our community gardens in public places, but more so due to ongoing education efforts.
3. Next national Telephone Conference 8/8/17.

F. **Annual Family Native Gardening GrowOff – Jeanne C., Darcy.**

1. Visitation Report - Jeanne C., Jeanne T., Su G., Donna P.
2. Unable to view photos emailed to Tom. These will be used at council.
3. Donna and Jeanne C summarized the visit. They were the only ones that entered, but they were worthy of winning top honors.
4. There was discussion over which CCE Meeting to honor Rosenberg's with Signature Gardening Certificate; they're already NWF certified, & are MoBot Gardens members. MBG gift card or local nursery gift card? Discussion on what prize should be given at one of the October City Council meetings. Jeanne C. was asked to find out which nursery the Rosenberg's would like and purchase a gift card for them. Mr. Tilman thinks we should have a picture of the entire garden, to show at city council meeting. Darcy will call the Rosenberg's and ask if they have additional pictures and if they can come in October. This would publicize and promote native gardening. We would also have it in the winter newsletter.  
To be discussed in August.

**G. Education Tabletops** – sustainable gardening/fresh water (mirrors our sustainable gardening tabletop + the fresh water focus) updates - Donna, Jeanne C., Su, Darcy

1. Freshwater laminate.
2. Tabletop: Library up W.9/13 and down W. 9/27; October 2 – 6 at the Y
3. Sat., Oct. 7 planting the metamorphosing native flora for butterflies/pollinators garden already there. Chris Hartley will be presenting W. Oct 4 in Theater with us/tabletop. IBH Brochure will be included.
4. Arrange for donated native flora for pollinators seed packs – how many for both tables and some for City? Jeanne suggested that we pay for the seeds rather than ask for donation.

**H. Bears, Blankets, cloth sleeves – update** – Darcy, Donna, Tom

1. Cloth sleeves total: just received 108; downstairs in storage #196, reported by Tom. Just bears, in storage, no blankets.
2. Will need to ‘stuff’ cloth sleeves with our Plastic Bags. Flyer will be done closer to November 4; we will set a date in October.
3. Bears total now is 304. There were no blankets in storage.

**I. 27th Annual Earth Day, April 28, 2018. Indoors/outdoors** –

Darcy, Su, Jeanne C., Tom

1. Monarch/Pollinator Nexus Garden development into a flyer/brochure for city website placement AND the Parks Phone Ap. for community’s access. DRAFT Document to be reviewed by committee guesstimate? They are still working on this. Darcy would like us to be able to preview it. Tom agreed to have it ready for preview and placement on city’s website as well.
2. Schools Craft Fair listing being prepared for CCE Members to sign-up to visit to solicit sustainability-centered vendors for Earth Day 2018; Jeanne C. will try to have this ready for September meeting.

**J. Centennial Trees List** – Darcy, Paul, Su

1. Meet-up report; name, approximate age – Darcy, Su and Paul T. met with Daniel Monchescki, Director Jesse Francis and Butterfly House Staff. It is a Horse – chestnut, not American Horsechestnut. We had estimated to be 335 years old, but Mr. Monchescki said it was probably only 150 years old. Paul thinks it should have been at least 320 years. The difference of opinion is in using historical information which Director Francis provided and the growth rate factor. A different scale is being used now.
2. Protocol revision for future trees – Darcy.
3. Update name on list and age; update Honor Certificate for Dir. Francis and visit to Faust Park TBD in August.
4. Two more recently added via Geoff W./Councilmember Keathley.
5. Darcy reminded CCE that this voluntary effort came from residents who followed instructions in our city newsletter and reported to James Mellow the end of 2015, for 2016 Earth Day.

**K. Sustainability Stewards Awards** for *groups*, teams, troops, organizations who help/or work with and/or through CCE/CH Team with measurable results contributing to conservation of native, natural, and/or energy resources. *Brainstorm concept*. Need bids and design graphics. – Darcy, Su, Tom

Discuss this next month.

**L. *Electronic CCE Brochure DRAFT #1!*** - Su, Darcy, Tom

1. Will be PDF for purpose of education of new City Councilmembers, City Staff, and for potential new members/volunteers to help with our projects, LU, etc. Su has spent NUMEROUS hours on this project and showed us the PowerPoint CCE brochure (draft) to preview and edit.

**M. *Green Team Emblems*** – 2 New Honorees (#61 & 2)/Rule of 5 observed; Libbey found 6 emblems!!! – Darcy, Su

1. #61 – Judy Smith, Continental Pastry Chef/Dierbergs Market Place.

2. #62 – Elaine Collins, ‘professional’ photographer/volunteer.

3. City Council Dates in 12, 1, or 2/2018 for Presentation @ City Council. They both passed the rule of 5 to qualify, which Darcy reviewed. They were unanimously approved by membership.

**N. *Other:***

1. Councilman Tilman inquired about our earth day shredding and clarification on how that went. People were not upset; they were for the most part fine with just getting the bags out of their cars and having a secure off site recycling. Tom suggested having a “just shredding” event, if there is a need. Guy suggested after Earth Day. We should think about it and discuss again at August meeting.

2. Darcy gave solar eclipse glasses to Su and Jeanne T. as a thank you for their work on the CCE Brochure, Parties Off the Parkway and minutes!

**O. *Meeting Adjourned 8:45 P.M.***

**Calendar:**

\*Possible tabletop/ handouts Parties off the Parkway 7/6; \*Library tabletop: 9/13-27; \*October Y tabletop: 10/2 – 6, Plant 10/7; \*Invasive Bush Honeysuckle Oct. 21 Faust Park; \*MO Earth Science Week: 10/ 11 – 17/2017; \*Sat., Nov. 4 – 21<sup>st</sup> Chesterfield/MO/America Recycles Event/Central Park.

- Next Meeting: August 24, 2017, 6:15 P.M., City Hall – Regular Rooms 102-3. Chris Hartley, Dir. Of Science/Butterfly House; NWF CWH Partner: GN! Demo. Garden Facelift, October at the YMCA: metamorphosing Native Butterfly Garden Layout.