

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Chesterfield Citizens Committee for the Environment**  
**September 28, 2017, 6:15 p.m.**  
**City Hall, Rooms # 102-3**

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

- I. **Call to Order @ 6:17** (It was noted by many CCE members that they had not received or had not been able to open the email notice of the meeting with agenda and minutes attached. If received it could not be forwarded. The Chair (Darcy) did not receive email notice.)
- II. **Attendance:**
  - A. **Present:** Darcy Capstick, Polly Rutherford, Jeanne Clauson, Laura Houck, Donna Pecherski, Gary Budoor, Terry Grogan, Paul Travers  
**Council Liaison:** Ben Keathley, City Rep, Mary Klauke, Speaker – Robert Sears
  - B. **Absent:** Jeanne Tevlin, Sue Ghosh, Jim Brown, Rom K, Tom McCarthy
- III. **Approval of August 24, 2017, Minutes.** Motion by Polly, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Laura, passed unanimously.
- IV. **Presenter Robert Sears, President of Eastern Missouri Beekeepers: Overview and how to ‘gather’ Chesterfield Beekeepers for Earth Day “swarm.” (15 min.)** Mr. Sears was very impressed by our committee. Ted Jansen was his mentor from 1992. Beekeepers started over 100 years ago. They present educational programs with mini workshops and guest speakers and host an annual program to educate beginners and help them get started. This program will be in Feb. at Maritz. They have worked with St. Louis Earth Day and Chesterfield ED, in the past. They would like to continue selling honey at our ED event. They prefer selling at ED, rather than retail. At our ED Mr. Wagner will be representing beekeeping also. Mr. Sears suggested contacting Joyce Steenger/Steenger’s Honey – to come to our ED with her wares, (candles, etc.) Their website is “easternmobeekkeepers.com” He asked if we have a “Pollinator Improvement Program” in Chesterfield. (We do.) MO Master Pollinator Program will be kicking off later this year thru the MO Dept. of Agriculture. He also suggested that we go to “Honeybeehealthcoalition.org” and then go to Nutrition Challenge. A lot of money will be awarded to the winner of this challenge. Monsanto is trying to find non chemical ways to use to help protect the butterflies & bees. Community based programs, like ours, are the most important to protect the bees.
- V. **Agenda/Announcements. October & November Sign-Up Sheets including hours you can be there: 10/4, 7, 16, 21/17 AND 11/4/17.** Everyone needs to turn in their release forms in person at events. Leaders should take extra forms for their volunteers. Laura volunteered to collect release forms for October 4<sup>th</sup>. We have a new member! Mr. Rom Kurapati, W #4. We need two men’s medium shirts, for Rom and Gary.
- VI. **PORTAL (use the link provided with agenda/minutes when notice emailed; there’s an ‘old’ vs. ‘current’ window):** By Jan. 2018 meeting we want community access to our website on the Archive Portal
  - A. 8/24/17 minutes (D);
  - B. *Republic year-to-date ( T);*

- C. *Royal Oak Recycling (8/17 2.355 tons D); Was Abitibi, then Bowater, now Royal Oak. This tonnage from Chesterfield only.*
  - D. *2017 2<sup>nd</sup> Biannual Family Native Gardening Grow-Off Photos including THE pick from family AND “The 2016 Biannual Family Native Gardening Grow-Off” Application AND the UPDATED Signature Garden Honor Certificate ( D, T);*
  - E. *CCE Brochure 8/17 (T);*
  - F. ***Centennial Trees List update AND REPLACEMENT HONOR Certificate (T)Correcting to Horse - chestnut***
  - G. *Plastic Bags? Flyer (T)*
  - H. *21<sup>st</sup> Chesterfield/Missouri/America Recycles Flyer with updates (T)*
  - I. **2018 CFM Request for Resolution Proposal for CLC (D)**
  - J. **YMCA Project Pollinator Flyer (D)**
  - K. **Tree List for Earth Day (D,T)**
  - L. **IBH Brochure & Release Forms for 10/21/17 (D,T) Need to have forms from volunteers. We have IBH PDF and we have permission to reprint brochures from MoBot. Mary will be printing 30 copies for Donna for tables set up for YMCA for Monday.**
- VII. HANDOUTS:** Invasive Bush Honeysuckle (need 30), CCE Brochure (8/17) – have copies, YMCA Project Pollinator Flyer (need 20), 9/17 Missouri Conservationist Magazine (D distributed). All about Butterflies in the magazine. MO Conservationist gave us a box of these. Tree order forms were included. NATIONAL WILDLIFE Oct/Nov. (article about Cat Conundrum) will be on table top as well. We have a box of those.
- VIII. “Sustainability by Design” Projects.**
- A. **Quarterly Reading Rack Updates – Darcy**
    - 1. CCE Reading Rack – 9/17 magazine, Ameren, SLRCAP/Am. Lung Assn., YMCA Flyer, IBH brochure. Darcy refreshed reading rack.
  - B. **SLCDOHWM Group Pilot Project Grant – Tom, Darcy, Jeanne T.**
    - 1. Republic’s volume from 7/17 both recyclables **and** landfill; **could not view last 2 months.**
    - 2. Update on China’s 2013 Green Fence & early ’17 National Sword; implications now require proaction (Resource Recycling, 9/17). How exporters are reacting to China’s proposed ban of recyclables. Our recyclers have refined their plastics and paper recycling through time. We have better quality now. We are ready now with higher quality recyclables to sell to China. This potential ban will not affect our Republic Services per their recent letter to City.
  - C. **PRACAC 9/09/17 - Tom, Darcy**
    - 1. Has the Butterfly Sculpture at Eberwein been replaced? They will hopefully now be under surveillance cameras like those being installed at the Amphitheater
    - 2. PRACAC update: Sand volleyball court will be put in. Two new pieces of Art at CVAC. Parks and Rec Guide is out.
  - D. **NWF – Darcy**
    - 1. National PowerPoint of 9/19/17, NWF V.P. 30 Year Strategic Plan (Kevin Coyle) presented “Encouraging development of more National Wildlife Gardens, Enhancing public planning, using

urban forestry, Eco system protection, wildlife protection, and **most importantly** developing more educated conservationists.

2. CFM Affiliates Summit used CCE PowerPoint and current CCE Brochure! It is an excellent roadmap to what we've done and will be doing. Fitzgerald and Coyle want all Scouts to have badges for their Scouting and volunteer work on all this. Committee voted to allow our Power Point to be shared with NWF. NWF representative, Gerylyn Hoyle filled in for Darcy and Lincoln at the CFM Summit, due to Lincoln's accident.
3. CLC topic recommendation? (Suggested: standardize, uniform recycling practices code to apply throughout state parks & to include standardized R & L units with visual guidance; has to be verified with communities where state parks are, Solid Waste Mgmt. Districts, DNR & MORA. No littering, dumping, etc.)  
Vote. **View DRAFT and vote to send - due 10/6/17!** Committee voted (Darcy wrote draft) approved by Tom M, and other partners. APPROVED unanimously.
4. October YMCA: Chris H. 10/4 Presentation + CCE PowerPoint, 10/7 Planting. Technician will be present.
5. Library table; view photograph. Keep log with photos for archives. Next UP at YMCA 10/2 – 6/17. Picture passed around of the table set up by Jeanne, Laura & Polly. Donna said that many librarians came up and complimented us on our tabletop. Composting materials and many others were all given out. Jeanne restocked about 3 times.
6. Faust Park, Oct. 21, IBH Eradication – Tom

**E. 2016 Biannual Family Native Gardening Grow Off** – Tom, Darcy.

1. Sign-Up Sheet. Gary is prepping a flyer – due 1/2018.
2. PowerPoint Review. Need time factor. 1 copy of each slide, please, for prepping City Council presentation.
3. M., October 16 set at City Council Meeting to honor Rosenberg's with Signature Gardening Certificate; and donated Gift Certificate. Greenscape donated it. Rosenberg's will have 4 families present.
  - a. View Signature Garden Certificate – Tom.
  - b. Donated Greenscape Garden's nursery gift certificate.
  - c. Reserve rows up front; equipment to show CCE PowerPoint prior to meeting starting at 6:40 PM – Tom.
  - d. Brief talking points because PowerPoint does the 'talking.'  
How much time does CCE overall have? – Tom, Darcy

**F. Education Tabletops** – sustainable gardening/fresh water/recycling ('mirrors' current focus on sustainable gardening/pollinator habitat + fresh water & recycling improvements) updates - Donna, Jeanne C., Su, Darcy

1. Tabletops: Library down W. 9/27; October 2 – 6 at the YMCA.

**G. Bears, Blankets, cloth sleeves – update/view matrix** – Darcy, Donna, Tom

**H. 27th Annual Earth Day, April 28, 2018. Indoors/outdoors** – Darcy, Su, Jeanne C., Paul, Polly, Laura, Tom

1. Monarch/Pollinator Nexus Garden (businesses & organizations, **not** families) development into a flyer/brochure for city website placement for

community's access. Can we take photos OR video clip from public streets and/or public sidewalks without getting each entity's 'ok'? Legal Question – Tom. Donna suggested taking pictures of the 18 garden sites and posting them, but not giving out specific names of families or organizations. Concern is for privacy/security purposes. TBD later. Think on it. Darcy would like description of all the trees/bushes that were picked out, ready by our Nov. 2017 meeting. Jeanne C. said she have them ready.

2. Trees/woody shrubs 'select committee member' list; review. The trees and shrubs were ordered.

3. Schools Craft Fair Listing being prepared for CCE Members to sign-up to visit to solicit sustainability-centered vendors FOR EDay (Aril 28<sup>th</sup>) 2018 – Jeanne C. All the Parkway HS's and Lafayette HS were selected by Jeanne to have members attend and invite vendors. We need to invite vendors from these craft fairs to come to our ED, as long as they are sustainability centered. Set up is 8-10 a.m. Paul suggested shutting off the outside recycling at 1:00. 2:00 for inside activities and vendors. The HS's selected are: Parkway North Nov 4,5 10-4; Pkwy Central Nov 11, 12 10-4; Pkwy West is Oct. 28, 29 10-4; Pkwy South Nov. 18, 19 10-4; Lafayette Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>.

4. Be prepared to give information...jot notes (date, time, place...) for vendors and get their email/contact information for E-Blast Invitation in January 2018. Email Vendor contact info. & describe what they do (sustainability-centered) to Darcy and Tom.

**I. Centennial Trees/List** – Darcy, Paul, Su

1. View updated name and age on List; view corrected Centennial Tree Honor Certificate for Dir. Francis.

2. Visit to Faust Park TBD/decide **WHEN DO WE GO? We will decide at our October meeting as Direct Frances had surgery and is recovering.**

**J. Blue Planet's GREEN Challenge update** - Su, Jeanne T., Darcy moved to October meeting since Su and Jeanne aren't here. Has been put on hold until they return.

1. Ayush Ray, 10<sup>th</sup> grade

2. Arjun Ray, Middle School

**K. Getting to Know Your CCE/ PowerPoint** - Su, Darcy, Tom

1. A PDF for purpose of education of new City Councilmembers, City Staff, and for potential new members/volunteers.

2. Is this posted on our City Website from our page? Darcy proposed putting this on our website. Vote was taken. Gary seconded. Vote APPROVED unanimously.

**L. Green Team Emblems** – 2 New Honorees (#61 & 2) – Darcy, Su

1. #61 – Judy Smith, and #62 – Elaine Collins.

2. City Council Dates in 2/2018 for Presentation @ City Council. Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>

3. Vote to Set Date at City Council in **FEBRUARY???** Darcy is still contacting honorees.

**M. NWF/CAPRA Letter for higher, sustainability-centered hierarchy** – Darcy: Tom will advise at our next meeting.

**N. 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Chesterfield/MO/America Recycles Event** – Darcy, Tom

1. Flyer; review times. Release forms were distributed. We will review volunteers in October.

**O. Other.**

- IX. Calendar: \*Possible tabletop/ handouts Party off the Parkway 10/5; \*Library tabletop: 9/13-27; \*October Y tabletop: 10/2 – 6, 10/4 Y Theater Pollinator Program arrive 6 PM/starts 6:30 PM, Plant 10/7 at 9 AM; \*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.**
- X. Adjournment at 7:45.**
- XI. Next Meeting: October 26, 2017, 6:15 P.M., City Hall – Regular Rooms 102-3. Polly will be out of town and Jeanne T. will be taking minutes. Mr. David Berger, Executive Director of St. Louis-Jefferson Solid Waste Management District. Overview and issues.**