

MEETING MINUTES
Chesterfield Citizens Committee for the Environment
August 24, 2017, 6:15 p.m.
City Hall, Rooms # 102-3
Mission Statement: conservation of native, natural, and
energy resources education.

I Call to order: 6:15 pm. All three PowerPoints were shifted to the top of the

agenda:

- **VII. L. Electronic CCE PowerPoint/Final Draft**
Su Gosh presented the PowerPoint she created highlighting the function and accomplishments of our committee for our edit. The PowerPoint was excellent and there were only four edits necessary, remove the “s” from boy and girl in scouts, replace the Butterfly House emblem with the current one and a “to” had to be added to a verb. Thank you, Su!! Director McCarthy will make the edits.
- **VII. F. 2016 BiAnnual Family Native Gardening GrowOff** – Donna, Jeanne C., Su, Gary, Jeanne T, Darcy, Tom
 1. Competition started 3/15/16, ended 3/15/17. The Rosenberg family are the top winners! A select CCE subcommittee audited the garden.
 2. Portal View photos emailed to Tom including THE pick with permission to use for flyer (like our GS Butterfly Garden/Eberwein Park) – Gary, Darcy. Gary will prepare a draft.
 3. The date of October 16 is tentatively set to honor the Rosenberg family and present to them, the Signature Garden Certificate at the City Council Meeting. We viewed the Signature Garden Certificate and thanked Mary
 - a. Greenscape Gardens donated a \$50.00 gift certificate. This will be awarded 10/16.
 - b. It was decided to have the CCE PowerPoint running as everyone gathers before the council meeting for viewing, beginning at 6:40. p. m. Reserve rows up front for honored guests and CCE members.
 - c. We will discuss: if we want to continue this program and adjustments if we continue, at our September meeting.
 - d. We viewed Su’s PowerPoint of the Rosenberg’s garden and “Chesterfield’s Signature Garden” requirements. 2016 Annual family Native Gardening Grow Off
- **Present:** CCE Members: Darcy Capstick, Paul Travers, Jeanne Tevlin, Laura Houk, Su Grosh, Terry Grogan
- **Also Present:** City Staff Liaison: Tom McCarthy, Mary Klauke; Council Liaison Ben Keathley; Presenter: Chris Hartley, Director of Science/Butterfly House & NWF Community Habitat Partner
- **Absent:** Jim Brown, Donna Pecherski, Polly Rutherford, Jeanne Clauson, Gary Sriperumbudoor

II Approval of Minutes: The minutes were accepted by a motion from Laura and with the understanding that any edits be given to Tom no later than Friday at 5:00 pm, seconded by Su and passed.

III Presenter: Chris Hartley, Director of Science/Butterfly House & NWF Community Habitat Partner. Chris gave us an updated flyer and brochure and presented an overview of their continuing project: Project Pollinator, a community garden initiative, in which The Butterfly House is partnered with St. Louis County Parks, St. Louis County Library, and Greenscape Garden and Gifts. The mission of Project Pollinator is to promote an appreciation of **all** pollinators through education and the creation of pollinator gardens. In addition, Chris handed out “our” flyer to promote “our” free presentation at the Chesterfield YMCA celebrating Pollinators on Wednesday October 4, 6:30-7:30 p.m. He is going to add the garden layout onto the back of the flyer.

- Paul asked about the about the tall grass prairie at Faust Park and Chris updated us on it. Our Grow Native! Demo garden is was overtaken by invasive plants, that has been addressed and it looks neat at this point. But the garden area will need to winter, and we can replant native plants in April, 2018.

IV Agenda/Announcements: Donna will serve as Vice Chair while Su is out of the country.

- We were updated on the prospective new members: Mary Mastorakos, who has decided she could be most helpful on the Parks, Recreation and Arts Committee and will not join our committee. Currently the paperwork is being processed for Rom to become a member of our committee. He will represent ward IV.
- It was noted that Tom laminated the “Second Time Round” posters viewed last meeting and we thanked him. Darcy has them in storage for use at the Amphitheater for “our” Grant.
- We were given an updated CCE roster.
- Members of the CCE were encouraged to attend the presentation by Chris Hartley on Wednesday, October 4 at the YMCA from 6:30 - 7:30. We are showing the CCE PowerPoint then. We are partners in the endeavor
- Saturday, October 7 is the planned planting day for the native flora garden expansion. Chris Hartley will be present as will CCE members and Girl Scouts.

V Portal: (use the link provided with agenda/minutes when notice emailed: there is an old vs. current window)

- **Previously saved on PORTAL:**
- 7/27/17 minutes (D);
- *Republic year-to-date (T);*
- *Royal Oak Recycling (7/17 3.861 tons D);*
- *2017 BiAnnual Family Native Gardening Grow-Off Photos including THE pick from family AND “The 2016 BiAnnual Family Native Gardening Grow-Off” Application AND The Signature Garden Honor Certificate (D, T);*
- *CCE Brochure 4/17 (T);*
- *CCE Roster (T);*
- *WATER A Most Precious Resource (D);*
- *CVAC Coaches Flyer incl. bags and AL Foil + ‘No’ list (T);*
- *Republic’s duplexed All-in-One with lids/caps showing + concessions recyclables Flyer*
- *Republic’s bathroom recyclables Flyer (T)*
- *Chesterfield W & W duplexed with County’s HHW List of what is and is not okay to drop-off at their HHW Sites flyer (T);*
- *Centennial Trees List update AND HONOR Certificate (T);*

- *MSD's HHW Site (T will receive copy to place on Portal);*
- *Plastic Bags? flyer (D);*
- *bear/blanket matrix updated (T);*
- *Joint DRAFT Letter to NWF & CAPRA for more holistic and unified Community and Parks Measurements for Higher Sustainability-Centered Designs 5/14/17 (D);*
- *21st Chesterfield/Missouri/America Recycles Flyer with updates (T);*
- *2018 CFM Request for Resolution Proposal for CLC (D).*

VI Handouts:

1.

Republic's All-in-One Recycling for Restroom (on Portal)

2. Household Hazardous Waste drop off sites and

guidelines (2 sided) (on Portal)

3. Project Pollinator Brochure from Chris

Hartley (needs to be added to Portal)

4.

Celebrate Pollinators at the Y! flyer also from Chris Hartley (garden layout to be added to the back) (needs to be added to

Portal)

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handouts for Oct. is Energy Awareness Month; (needs to be added to

Portal)

6. St. Louis Clean Air Partnership (Am. Lung Ass'n.)

handout; (needs to be added to Portal)

VII "Sustainability by Design" Projects.

A. Review: CCE worked email @ Tom's request:

1. CCE P. P. is

complete

2. NWF fiscal report

was filed and we have been recertified! this is the 13th year!

3. Parks Concession Flyer just needs to be laminated

and then can be posted at the CVAC concession stands.. Tom will let us know when it is posted so that we can visit the possibility of members being present to educate about what is recyclable.

4. Monarch/Pollinator Nexus Brochure

5. 2nd Bi-Annual Family Native Garden Grow Off is complete and included in the Power Point.

6. Joint letter to NWF/CAPRA for measurable & sustainable hierarchy

7. received "our" County Recycling Grant.

B. Quarterly Reading Rack Updates – Donna, Su, Darcy, Tom

1. CCE Reading Rack spaces: Tom indicated that the bottom six slots can be used for CCE material.
2. October is Energy Awareness Month.
3. *New:* August is Fresh Water Quality Month; the vote to update this on the CCE Brochure was unanimous. Tom said that he would update this.
4. Table - Donna has the tabletop ready to go.

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

1. Republic's volume from 7/17 both recyclables and landfill this month and last month were not available for "our" Grant baseline.
2. Recyclables from bathroom area flyer complete and will be distributed at the next Party Off the Parkway.

3. "All-in-One" Recycle Flyer, second side for 'concessions recyclables'. There was a mistake made when printing the flyer so it will be corrected and reprinted.
4. "Coaching the Coaches", Jeanne T get the flyer to Ascension Soccer and ask that it be forwarded to the coaches and the team families.
5. Talking points for this Grant/for Tom to pronounce: The committee will begin brainstorming talking points we think are important for Tom to mention when he addresses the audience at the Chesterfield Amphitheater next spring/summer.

D. PRACAC 8/12/17 - Tom, Darcy

1. Next Party off the Parkway is 9/7. Tom - CCE will have a table.
2. CCE Table: Jeane T will put together a team to work.
3. The butterfly sculpture at Eberwein Garden has not been repaired/replaced.

E. NWF – Darcy, Tom

1. We are looking to improve the Mayor's Monarch Pledge in a business native garden.
2. NWF Fiscal Report summary; filed 7/17/17. Should hear 8/18/17 & we did it!
3. The national Telephone Conference scheduled for 8/8/17 was cancelled and has not been rescheduled yet.
4. Darcy will attend the CFM Affiliates Summit in mid-September, and asked to use CCE Powerpoint there. All members approved.
5. CLC topic recommendation was approved. (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.) DRAFT due 9/28/17, CCE Meeting; due 10/6/17!
6. October YMCA: 150 donated native flora seed packets coming in for Library and Y use/tabletop. Did not want a donation. Plus 3 flats for metamorphosing Y butterfly garden; Chris H. coordinating.
7. It was approved for Tom to give IBH brochure to all Subdivision Trustees at the meeting on September 13th at City Hall. It was also suggested that Tom use opportunity to encourage the trustees to actively engage their subdivision to eradicate invasive honeysuckle in their neighborhood.
8. Parks recycling flyers should be made available on 9/13/17 for the subdivision trustees.

G. Education /Tabletops – Donna, Jeanne C. Darcy

1. Sustainable gardening/fresh water/recycling (mirrors current focus on sustainable gardening/pollinator habitat + freshwater & recycling improvements) updates
2. Tabletops: Library up W. 9/13 and down W. 9/27
3. Saturday, October 7, plant the expanding metamorphosing native flora for the butterflies/pollinator garden currently there.
4. Chris Hartley presenting Wednesday, October 4 in Theater, and the CCE.
5. The CCE PowerPoint will be shown on October 4 at the YMCA.

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

1. Libbey shared a thank you letter from the International Institute, St. Louis Crisis Nursery for our donation of bears.
2. We have 103 bears, 304 sleeves in storage and no blankets.

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

1. Darcy will create Monarch/Pollinator Nexus Garden draft flyer/brochure for the city website for businesses & organizations (**not** families) to be reviewed by committee/ Tom.
2. Schools Craft Fair Listing being prepared for CCE Members to sign-up by Jeanne C to visit to solicit sustainability-centered vendors FOR EDay 2018; due at September meeting.
3. We have two vendors thus far: E. Mo. Beekeepers & reusables loom weaver.
4. Confidential document shredding event post Earth Day? Will discuss at September meeting.

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

1. We viewed the updated name and age on List; viewed Centennial Tree Honor Certificate for Dir. Francis. Tom will modify and submit for next meeting.
2. Visit to Faust Park TBD/decide in September.

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

M. Green Team Emblems – 2 New Honorees (#61 & # 62) – Darcy, Su

1. Number 61 is Judy Smith and number 62 is Elaine Collins.
City Council Dates TBD for Presentation @ City Council.
Vote to Set Date in September.

N. Next 25 years/overview – Darcy discussed that in the next 25 years we should focus on freshwater conservation and the need for healthy biodiversity.

O. Other

1. Su announced 2 new Blue Planet's GREEN challenge applicants: Ayush and Arjun Ray. Jeanne T will be reviewing applications.
2. October 21 - IBH/Faust = Order of Arrow, Girl Scouts, Lindenwood University, Pfizer (?), and CCE. Sign-up sheets in September.
3. Requested Tom's vision for where "we" will be the end of 2018.

VIII Calendar: *August is (fresh) Water Quality Month *Possible tabletop/ handouts Parties off the Parkway 9 or 10/17; *Library tabletop: 9/13-27; *October Y tabletop: 10/2 – 6, 10/4 Y Theater Pollinator Program, Plant 10/7; *Invasive Bush Honeysuckle Oct. 21 Faust Park; *MO

Earth Science Week: 10/ 11 – 17/2017; *Sat., Nov. 4 – 21st Chesterfield/MO/America Recycles Event/Central Park.

IX. Adjournment. 7:50 p.m.

X. Next Meeting: September 28, 2017, 6:15 P.M., City Hall – Regular Rooms 102-3. Mr. Robert Sears, President of E. MO BEEKEEPERS Assn.; Overview and How to initiate a ‘bee’ component to our Annual Earth Day Event.