



**Chesterfield Citizens Environmental Advisory Committee**  
**Feb. 22, 2024, 6:00 P.M.**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Chesterfield City Hall, 690 Chesterfield Pkwy. West**  
**Room #102/1033**

- I. Call Meeting to Order**
- II. Roll Call :** Kari Johnson, City Liason, Su Ghosh, Vice Chair (Ward III), Donna Pecherski(Ward II), Jeanne Clausen (Ward III), Rob Kilo (Ward IV), Barron Rutledge (Ward I), Vaishali Soneta (Ward IV), Susan Mlynarczyk (Ward III), Paul McCool (Ward II), Makarand Deo (Ward II)  
**Guests:** Council members Merrel Hansen (Ward IV), Gary Budoor (Ward IV), Dan Hurt (Ward III)  
Jeanne Tevlin (ex CCEAC committee member)
- III. Approval of Meeting Summary of Jan. 25, 2024** Susan M made a motion to accept the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Jeanne C.
- IV. Unfinished Business**
  - A.** 33<sup>rd</sup> Chesterfield Earth Day update, Venue Central park on April 27 2024 (may be crowded due to another big event at the same time), Event time: 9-11am, Attending members need to be there 8.00-11.30 am
    - St. Louis Composting, No ‘Roy Gross’ could be contacted. Rob K contacted Rick Blosser (old contact who is no longer with St Louis Composting?). Rick confirmed they will honor the commitment of donating compost for Earth day. Details for pick up etc. - Kari
    - Native trees and Tree Guide – no change from what discussed - Kari
    - Native Wildflowers, Josts Greenhouse – contact and pick up Paul M (also to deliver the Green Team emblem that Donna has)
    - Wildflower Seeds: 2 mixes ‘Bag and Tag’ date/time/place – Donna Tentatively on Mar 8 at Jeanne C’s house. Donna to confirm
    - Some Tomato plants will be available for giveaway
    - Flyer – Kari had draft for review by members. She will incorporate comments and corrections as appropriate. Will send out the final version to members and publish. This year City is partnering with RedKey Realty Leaders for the recycling portion of the event (E-Cycling, Remains and Paper shredding). which will take place at the same time on the same day. City event will handle trees, compost, kids’ event etc. Kari mentioned that many organizations are doing Earth day now and it reduced the demand on city’s events as shown by low attendances. No coordination is done with any other city regarding ED.
    - Little paper cup planting plan for children – cups purchased – Kari

- Arbor Day/s status at Wild Horse Elementary – Vaishali, Kari – Principal ok with both 4/5 and/or 4/26. Prefers Gray dogwood for planting. Also wants to know what they need to do. Kari and Jeff to coordinate

#### B. NWF

1. 2/12 Telecon/Zoom Report; 4/14, 9/16, 12/9/24 remain -Jeanne C attended and presented a gist in the mtg. Mayors' Monarch Pledge is a hot topic with 159 certified cities and 174 registered. Rob K to follow up with NWF regarding clarification of certified vs registered
2. Fifth Mayor's Monarch Pledge Proclamation; recommendation. Kari collected all required information
3. Order box of 100 'Garden for Wildlife' magazines Done by Kari. It was decided to get 100 copies of Pollinator Gardening. Donna said CCEAC has copies of Attract Butterflies brochure – Kari All orderings are done per email of Rob K dated 02/23/24 to Su

#### C. Newsletter articles - Topic

Newsletter due mid-March/April for 6, 7, 8/24 Kari / Su

#### D. Fall 'Recycling at Schools' PowerPoint/Republic – Donna and Makarand will report in next mtg

1. Have Susan P in to talk about recycling Power Point??? for schools

#### V. New Business

##### A. CCEAC Direction

Per request of few CCEAC members, Kari shared her thoughts on future plans and operations of CCEAC at this important time of transition. Long time chair person Darcy retired, CCEAC election of new leadership is due. Darcy did almost all the work done by the group herself which was a huge load for so many years. Kari sees the activities of the group divided in several subgroups and members helping in their areas of interests so that the work of the chairperson is manageable. It will involve managing the activities of the group and making sure the commitments are met. Vice chair to help and pick areas of choice to help the group. Subgroups suggested by Kari are as follows:  
**NWF related activities:** attending Zoom mtgs, presenting the gist and any hot topic to this group, continuation of recertification of city (?) - Jeanne C with help from Rob K

**City newsletter articles:** On hot topics for the quarters and need to be seasonal – Kari / Su

**End of the Year report:** One page summary of group activities for the year, due January next year – Su

**Recycling results:** Not necessary to follow-up or publish monthly. Annual follow-up should be sufficient. It can be obtained from Susan P and Royal Oaks

**Table top display of educational materials:** 4 times a year at City hall, Library and YMCA (contacts for dates are Kari, Donna/Jeanne C, and Rob respectively). Not to put all materials out at the same time but to cycle those thru the duration of displays to maintain interest.

**Programs:** Earth day, Arbor day, Summer program - outdoor, fun, engaging (Vaishali with help from Susan M and Jeanne T), Fall festival on Oct 19 along with the City Concert which gathers big crowd, Fall education (School recycling, Donna and Makarand)

**Education materials on website:** Check, update and/or correct, recycle related, used for Community outreach

## **VI. Announcements**

1. Election of office holders of CCEAC will take place in next mtg. All nominations (self or others) need to reach Kari 1 week prior to the mtg

## **VII. Adjournment**

1. Next Meeting Th., March 28, 2024

On our page\* of the city's website, all current:

1. Programs and initiatives – flyers, explanations, sources
2. Partners of Project Pollinator/Butterfly House, flyers
3. International Earth Hour – annually updated
4. Environmental Initiatives – “Living Green” in Chesterfield
5. Informative websites – conservation education
6. Natural Resources and Community Habitat
7. NWF Background and Garden for Wildlife Presentation
8. “Bring Conservation Home” partnership with St. Louis Audubon Society
9. What is sustainability
10. Chesterfield What and Where to Recycle directory updated annually
11. Documents, brochures and resources PDF's listed at the bottom of this page:  
CCEAC Brochure/our 'roadmap,' TREEED Partners and rationale, Green Team Members 69+ (rationale in CCEAC Brochure), Stellar Green Youth Team applications, How to compost, invasive plants, battery recycling, etc.

\*CCEAC is the curator of this page and must update special flyers and documents each year. Keeping our CCEAC Brochure current must be done by December of any year. The City Liaison has access to this page to change or alter it. We supply that which needs to be changed or added to our City Liaison. Our End of Year Accomplishments 2023 should appear here top left, green margin.