

MEETING MINUTES
Chesterfield Citizens Committee for the Environment
January 26, 2017, 6:30 p.m.
City Hall, Rooms 102-103

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 6:35 p.m.
- B. Present: Darcy Capstick, Paul Travers, Bob Ernst, Donna Pecherski, Jeanne Clauson, Jeanne Tevlin
- C. Absent: Jim Brown, Su Ghosh, Polly Rutherford, Terry Grogan, Ben Keathley, Laura Houck
- D. City Staff Liaison Libbey Tucker: present
- E. City Council Liaison Guy Tilman: present
- F. Others Present: Tom McCarthy (Parks, Rec, and Arts Director), Angie Thomas (prospective member from Ward 3), Geoff Wegrzyn (new City Arborist), Anurag Gupta (ACA), Gary Sriperumbudoor (organizing volunteers to help plant trees on MO Arbor Day).

II. PORTAL: 12/15/16 minutes, Republic & USAgain year-to-date; Royal Oak Recycling (12/16- 8.074 tons; total for the year: 99.325 tons); Updated CCE Roster; Bear/Blanket Matrix Updated we now have 40 plus several mini-bears; 2017s Demo. Garden Make-Over Gift; International Earth Hour Flyer 2017; CCE Brochure updated; the Monarch/Pollinator Nexus List is not on the portal yet; *Missouri Conservationist*, 12/16, "Wetlands," 1/17 "Missourians for Monarchs Collaborative (Chesterfield mentioned)," "There's a Plant for That;" *Conservation Federation*, 1/17, "Total Eclipse Headed to MO," "MO's Native Pine;" *National Wildlife*, 1/17, "Peril at Journey's End (Monarchs);" *Resource Recycling*, 12/16, "Surveys Show Recycling Skepticism in Younger Generations," 1/17, "Takeaways from a deep look at Curbside Data." Respondents want education and people want recycling and trash to be at the same access level

III. "Sustainability by Design" Projects.

- A. **Partner/Visitors:** Geoff Wegrzyn, new City Arborist.
 - 1. Geoff and Tom McCarthy have discussed where the city will be planting new trees. Darcy mentioned working together with Geoff about where to plant trees for Arbor Day. McCarthy said that will occur at Eberwine Park; planting free trees in parks with scouts and Ward residents/neighbors, Friday, April 7; will work on date (Saturday, April 8) and Geoff will get back to us as to time (9:30 TBD) and place TBD. Libbey will notify the Mayor to see if he could attend the event. Street tree planting is moving forward, last year removed over 1,000 ash trees; Jeanne reported that Geoff helped change the number of trees in the total of 195.
 - 2. Missouri Arbor Day, Friday, April 7, Location & Time TBD. CCE members + City Officials. See above discussion for details.

3. National Arbor Day, Friday, April 28, Location & Time; Forest Service will be providing trees for planting at/around the pond at Eberwine Park at 4:00 pm.
- B. NWF - Darcy, Libbey.**
1. Mayors' Monarch Pledge Report - Libbey
 2. Updated nametags co-brand with NWF & CFM: Darcy: we're waiting for the electronic template.
 3. New outdoor signs for YMCA, Library, City Hall, RGA (pending).
 4. CFM Annual Meeting March 10-12, 2017, details are on the website.
 5. 2/7/17 next NWF telephone conference, if any other members want to be on the call, please notify Darcy.
- C. Parks, Recreation & Arts Committee Update from 1/21 meeting – Darcy, Laura**
1. Farmers' Market. No January meeting. Tilman reported that going forward the Park advisory committee will advise Tom about the location of the art placements, with city residents having a voice in the process; located at the Amphitheater; subcommittee will meet in the first part of Feb. The Dome ground is owned by the City but the ground used for the hotel and office buildings will be owned by others. It is a \$35 million project; getting utilities to the site is a major challenge. The deal is not yet finished but is moving forward, especially in terms of financing.
- D. Biannual Family Native Gardening Grow Off – Darcy.**
1. Ends at the end of March 2017, judging will happen during Summer, October Recognition
- E. Amphitheater Recycling Grant – (St. Louis County Dept. of Health/Waste Management Division) – Bob, Darcy, Libbey. Grant would run from August 2017 through August 2018.**
1. Update from 1/20/17 meeting. Tom McCarthy provided a map of the Amphitheater as well as waste unit locations. We still need a letter from Republic agreeing to weigh waste streams during the three events in 2017 and those in 2018. We need the bid spec documents to show the procurement process. Need to get the three concert dates for 2017 during which we will begin our baseline data collection.
 2. View graphics for recycling & landfill containers: We have the graphics that will go on the two types of waste units, recycling and Landfill. Have to have the County logo and the City's logo on the graphics.
 3. Our 2017 Grant Application is due to County on March 17, 2017.
 4. We need to have a meeting of Darcy, Bob, Tom, and Libbey on either 2-1-17 or 2-17-17.
- F. Bears/Blankets update/matrix – Darcy, Libbey.**
1. Clarice Hutchins: bears/blankets to Lydia's House; she has yet to go to Peru and Nicaragua.
 2. More coming soon (160 bears). We need to check the needs of our various partners, such as St. Luke's Hospital, Lydia's House, etc.
 3. Grandmother comfort bear has made 2660 bears for us to date.
- G. Education Tabletops**

1. Sachs County Library – 3/6 – 3/23 tentative. They have room available for the tabletop.
 2. YMCA – 4/10 – 4/27 was OKAYed at meeting.
 3. Buying Recycled Brochure review – Jeanne C.
 4. Exhibits: monarch module, pollinator info., 100 Children's Cards, native seeds, sustainable gardening, National Wildlife Week, composting, recycling, Earth Day. Stellar Green Youth Team, Blue Planet Green Challenge & more; 25 copies for library, 25 for YMCA, 50 for Earth Day.
- H. 26th Annual Earth Day, April 29, 2017 – everyone**
1. International Earth Hour 2017 Flyer – view – Su G., Darcy.
 2. Selection of native wildflower and annual seeds from Wildseed Farms Catalogs – Donna, Jeanne: Reported that the new custom pollinator mix is better than the old. However, our minimum is five pounds for the new mix, making it very expensive so we should go back to ordering the old mix pollinator. Libbey will order the same seed types and quantities as last year.
 3. Cloth Bag Sleeves to store plastic bags to be recycled/reused; Charity-Sharity – about 325 Sleeves will start coming in before Earth Day, around 3/15 to 4/19. We need to think about bagging and tagging seeds and putting a Plastic Bag Flyer in each cloth bag sleeve for give-away at Earth Day. Update Plastic Bags Flyer-Su G.
 4. Opening Ceremony at 10 AM: flag ceremony/overview. Set up at 8:00 to 10:00 am. Two Girl Scout Troops will join forces in the flag ceremony. Libbey said she would bring the City's flags to use and the standards. Darcy has the Earth Day flag but needs a standard.
 5. Discuss Conservation Honors at Noon: Monarch/Pollinator Nexus Group/Partners (13-15) with certificates—Chesterfield City Hall, Chesterfield road medians, St. John's UCC on Olive Rd., Butterfly House, Governor Bates's Prairie/Faust Park, Grow Native! Demo garden/Faust Park, RGA pending, Chesterfield Village Apartments, Sachs County Library, YMCA, Central Park/Amphitheater, Pavilion/Pool area/Central Park, Dierberg's Mediation Park (Council member T checking on bank contact info), Eberwine Park, Professional Doctors' Building/Olive, Monsanto/Pfizer Chesterfield, Chesterfield Elementary School, Green Trails Elementary School, Friendship Village Chesterfield. Need volunteers to help with tree planting for National Arbor Day; Tree City USA; inaugural Blue Planet's Green Challenge youth; Ranger Rick's 50th Birthday card presentation & maybe sing HB song; 12th NWF Community Wildlife Habitat renewal certificate. Ask Anusura Gupta to be there to encourage other children in environmental activities, helping pollinators.
 11. Give away remaining (100) CCE water bottles/stuffed, updated with Caulks/Bonhomme Creeks info & Water the Most Precious Resource Flyer – Bob E. reported that due to illness and other complications, no progress was made last month.
 12. Re/Recycler Updates – Libbey reported that the big question revolves around shredding. Shreddit wants \$175 and hour just to show up. Libbey is working on a solution.

- J. **Calendar:**
1. Friday, April 7: Missouri Arbor Day Tree Planting; where TBD by City's Arborist.
 2. Friday, April 28: National Arbor Day Tree Planting-TBD City Arborist;
 3. Earth Day, April 29, Chesterfield Mall, 10 am to 3 p.m.
 4. Monday, Oct. 2 – 6, YMCA Sustainable Gardening Tabletop: Monarchs/butterflies/pollinators; Chris Hartley's Pollinators Program, Wed., Oct. 4; Sat., Oct. 7 planting next segment of the Y's native flora for butterflies/pollinators garden, back side of building.
 5. Sat., Oct 21, IBH Eradication/invasives clean out at Faust Park. Need to be cleared with Dir. Francis.
 6. Sat., Nov. 4, 2017, Central Park
- IV. **Meeting Adjourned** at 7:57; Next Meeting is on February 25, 2017, 6:30 P.M., City Hall – Regular Rooms 102-103