

MEETING NOTICE
Chesterfield Citizens Committee for the Environment
January 23, 2014, 6:30 p.m.
City Hall, Multipurpose Room

Committee Attendees: Darcy Capstick, Ben Keathley, Bob Ernst, Jeanne Clauson, Ken Denson, Patty Wiggins, Debbie Harrison, Donna Pecherski, Polly Rutherford, Jeanne Tevlin

Committee Absentees: Scott Soucek, Terry Grogan, Su Ghosh, Jeff Chapple

Liaison Attendees: Libby Tucker, James Mello, Elliot Grissom

All agenda items were discussed. Necessary outcomes/actions are noted.

I. Call to Order/Agenda

- A. Attendance/Absences/Notices. Sign-up Sheet routed for NWF Teleconference, Chesterfield Elementary School Assembly, Solar Fair, Arbor Day, and Native Gardening Grow-Off Council Presentation.**
- B. E-Reports: 12/19/14 Minutes, A/W Republic, Abi/Bow (12/13- 21.301 tons).**
- C. Handouts: Youth in Science/Tech./Engineering/Math/Robotics Earth Day Competition 2014 Applications; Solar Fair Flyers; BRMCTL-5Rs; 4Ps Make Chesterfield a Better Place; CCE articles for newsletter; “Going Public”; Tire Derived Products.-** Pass around the updated version of the Youth in Science Competition flyer. Solar Fair info should be emailed to the subdivision trustees and to the chamber of commerce. Also make sure that school superintendents have it. Jeanne Tevlin will pass out to school libraries. Ken will pass out to the Dierbergs at the Four Seasons.w Also need people to take to the Schnucks at Hilltown Village, the Schnucks at Khers Mill, and the Dierbergs on Clarkson, as well as houses of worship. When going around, be sure to also post BRMCTL/5Rs if needed.

II. “Sustainability by Design” Projects

- A. NWF Quarterly National Telecon 1/28, 3 PM – Darcy.**
 - 1. NWF Matrix of 2013 post-certification goals due end-of-month.-** if anyone is interested, can meet with Darcy for NWF wildlife conference.
 - 2. Chesterfield Elementary Assembly-** Please sign the sign up sheet for the Chesterfield Elementary Assembly Leadership Day.
- B. Grants – Libbey, Darcy.**
 - 1. St. Louis County/DOH/Waste Mgmt. -** Implement Expand Waste Reduction funding available for educational programs, special even recycling, organics diversion, public space recycling, multifamily recycling, \$50,000 available for each organization, \$300,000 total in grant fund.
 - 2. MORA-** Bins available for public and park spaces. More likely to get because we have a need. They will provide the bins. [Supported by everyone on committee] James will fill out the application.
 - 3. MDOC Community Stewardship update – Spring planting TBA.**
 - 4. CCE’s Grant Fund Award. Balance. Vote.-** \$1,018 available in recycling grant fund. We need to vote to sponsor Sue from Van Go at earth day. She will provide crafts and other give aways for children at Earth Day. We gave her \$300 a while ago, but she is looking for a \$500 sponsor to make this possible again. [supported by everyone].
- C. Care Bears/Binkie Blankets Metrics update – Libbey, Darcy.**

1. **Restocking. Lydia's House – blankets? Vote.** – Polly is checking with Lydia's House to see how their stock of bears/blankets is doing. More of both coming EOJan.
 2. **Replenishing our supplies of bears, blankets.-** Nobody currently needs care bears. Jeanne Tevlin is still waiting to hear from schools if they would like to receive any bears or blankets. Still have not heard from the fire department. We should look into and inquire about sending them to Urgent Care sites.
- D. **First Annual Family Native Gardening Grow-Off update – Bob, Darcy, committee.**
1. **March City Council: 3rd or 17th?**- decided on 3/17.
 2. **Kits to include which handouts + 5 Grow Native! Flora; in order to get the Kit, one must commit by filling out the Application AT Earth Day, then and there.** – 12 kits will be available at Earth Day for applicants to help with their gardens. The goal is to educate and promote sustainable garden practices. Katy Folsom of the beautification committee will promote and get the word out. We need to check out local garden shops for gift cards to replace membership to botanical gardens as a prize. We should focus on native plant stores.
 3. **Ask Councilmembers to encourage at least a couple families from each Ward to 'Commit for The Kit' at Earth Day. Take personal effort to participate because having a healthy community starts right in our own backyards.**
 4. **Flyers available at Customer Service and Reading Rack 3/1/14.**
 5. **Substantial Awards: NWF Certification & Outdoor Sign, MoBotGdn. Membership (if member, then a garden center cash card in amount of membership), drawing for a backyard composter, C1stAFNGG-Off + Signature Garden Certificate.**
 6. **BiodiverseCity model.**
- E. CCE Chronicles for 2013; *kick-off of first five years!* – James, Darcy.
1. **Completing 2013's re/ecycle/collections volumes.-** James needs to know how to best organize. Whether by year or event. James is putting together a historical and electronic archive of the committee's past events, and also a metrics compilation. While he has the first five years going back in time, at a certain point manual scanning will need to occur to complete this project by the end of this year.
- F. **National Arbor Day Native Tree Planting, Fri., April 25 at Eberwein Park, 4 P.M. – Libbey, Darcy.**
- G. **23rd Annual Chesterfield Earth Day Festival 2014: Sat., April 26, 2014 – update – everyone.**
1. **Native Trees ordered? Tree Guide due/tree confirmation?**- We have ordered 50 trees of each kind to distribute at Earth Day. It would be a good idea to update our tree guide now as well. Field descriptions have been provided to James. We need to make sure that the trees are watered the day before. Last year we had some dry out because they were not placed in the water buckets. We also need to make sure the species are not comingled. We want to keep them separated. Make sure the stand is placed where the CCE can watch carefully.

2. **Native flora &/or native + cut flora seeds ordered?**
3. **Earth Day Flyer brainstorm. Due Feb. meeting or sooner.-** Need to have the flyer drafted. Gear towards area. Because it is at Parkway West, we can't just say "Chesterfield." We will need all the re/ecycle vendors' logos including the NWF.
4. **Earth Day Youth In Science/T/E/M/R Competition update; distribution now. – James.-** We now have 6 judges. We all need to work towards finding youth competitors. Should consider having an article published on the competition. We could promote that the winner will get their picture in a local paper.
5. **Each member turn in Vendor's Contact Information to Libbey now for EBlast in January.**
6. **RE/Ecyclers and Collection vendors. Layout draft due.**
7. **Robot?-no response yet.**

H. SOLAR FAIR 2/20/14, 4 PM – 8 PM – Libbey, Darcy, Bob E.

1. **Flyer distribution NOW. Where?-** Make sure we are dropping off the flyers where they need to be. Everyone needs to know what places they are responsible for: subdivision trustees, schools, libraries, chamber of commerce.
2. **TREEED Partners Class of 2014 to be added to list on city's web site. VOTE.** Discussed.
3. **Presence at Earth Day.**

I. BiodiverseCity St. Louis – Darcy, Bob.- TABLED FOR NOW. Need to map out Chesterfield's biodiverse areas, such as creeks, woods, common grounds, yards, parks, etc. This will help us assess what we have before seeking to improve other areas.

J. Citizen of the Year program. – Libbey.- nominations are due by February 3. Darcy needs to know by end of meeting if anyone has any ideas for nominees.

"Tree Wall" rebuilding. - will be working on this after Earth Day.

L. Other.- Our supply of single stream recycle flyers is low. We need to contact Allied Waste. -We need fillable forms for the Blue Planets Green Challenge on the city's web site.

Calendar: *February 20, 2014, SOLAR FAIR AT CITY HALL. *March City Council Meeting to kick-off First Annual Family Native Gardening Grow-Off 2014. *National Wildlife Week: "Wildlife and Water" 3/18 – 24/14, International Earth Hour 3/23/14, and 'How to SS Recycle' tabletop; showing youth from Missouri Conservationist. * 23rd Annual Chesterfield Earth Day 4/26/14. *5/14 Gardening for Wildlife Month and Compost Awareness tabletop. *18th America/MO/Chesterfield Recycles Event 11/8/14.

III. Next Meeting: February 27, 2014, 6:30 PM, City Hall – Rooms # 101/2.