Chesterfield Citizens Environmental Advisory Committee (CCEAC)
Summary of Meeting Minutes January 23, 2025
City Hall Room 102 -103 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Reduce waste Restore Our Green Space
Reuse what we can Recycle Properly

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Rob Kilo at 6:05 PM.

II. ROLL CALL

Ward I, Ward II: Donna Pecherski, Ward III Jeanne Clauson, Laura Houck Secretary, Susie Mlynarczyk, Ward IV Rob Kilo Vice Chair , At Large Member Hari Dwivedi, City Liaison Kari Johnson, and guest Russ Owen, Councilman Gary Budoor Ward IV and Council person, Merrill Hanson Ward IV

CCEAC Ward vacancies. Ward I has 3 vacancies, Ward II has 3 vacancies, Ward IV has 1 vacancy

Expiring term within six months - 2 members

III. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING RESULTS

a. Minutes from December's 19th meeting. Hari Dwivedi made a motion to approve the December minutes. This was seconded by Susie Mlynarczyk.

IV. UPDATE ON EVENTS AND DEADLINES

**** For each "Action Item" we will assign a lead person to follow up.**

a. Meetings 2025 - November 20, 2025 is the good date. Any interest in moving the December meeting from the 18th to the 11th? Donna Pecherski made a motion to move the December meeting to December 11. This was seconded by Hari Dwivedi.

b. Mayor's Monarch pledge review and vote. The word fifth needs to be changed to sixth before it can be signed. Pollinators and monarch butterflies to be discussed before our April meeting. Hari Dwivedi and Gary Budoor have a contact at Bayer who may be able to help. A suggestion was made to contact schools about pollinators and monarchs and especially contact third grade teachers. It was discussed that it would be ideal to increase pollinator awareness with this being part of City Council agenda this year and each year moving forward.

c. Invasive Bush Honeysuckle (IBH) removal - April 5, 2025

- Reached out to Terry Grogan 1/10/2025; have not heard back yet; Terry Grogan and the Boy Scouts are not available on April 5, 2025. Dates that Terry and the Boy Scouts are available are: March 8,9,16,22 and 23. We decided to build around March 22. It was decided to focus on the Riparian Trail on August Hill Dr. We also discussed about different organizations that may need volunteer hours such as banks, Chesterfield Regional Chamber. Councilman Gary Budoor and Council person Merrill Hanson will give out flyers about this event at HOA trustees at their March meetings. Kari Johnson will reach out to Terry Grogan about this date.

A Republic dumpster will be used to get rid of invasive honeysuckle waste. Hari will reach out to middle schools. Garden club members will be sent a letter by Jeanne Tevlin about joining our committee as the Garden Club has folded.

- date to remove the roots of the honeysuckle plants that were cut and treated last fall - TBD . Other ideas?

e. CCEAC submission for Chesterfield Citizen Newsletter. The next due date for the article is April 4. Hari Dwivedi will compose a letter about monarch butterflies and/or pollinators.

f. Demonstration Garden - Discuss and vote -

Per Kari's direction if we want a Demonstration Garden we will have to modify the Eagle Scout native pollinator garden in front of the Parks Building. It was suggested that we make a new garden in Central Park where it will have more exposure than the one in front of the Parks Building which would have a low visibility. It was suggested that we make it about 10 ft by 20 ft. and box in by gravel. Use 5-10 plants per section. We could even separate the rows with gravel. There is an area on Central Park Lake trail, which is a linear section of turf grass at

Storybook Walk #11, which may be ideal for a demonstration garden as it is surrounded on all sides by fencing and the trail (and per January's minutes, native perennial plant rows could be separated by gravel) and Central Park is the most visible and frequently visited park.

If we decide to take this on:
Garden will be designated a "Demonstration Garden", which means

- showcase native plants and educate on the benefits of the plants in every season
- Begin with a specific garden layout plan
- Label each plant with its scientific name and the common name
- Highlight the benefits of the plants - in each season
- Scheduled regular maintenance for about 2 years until plants are established
  (Water source close?) CCEAC will maintain.
- Scheduled seasonal maintenance afterwards so that the public sees people working in the garden. This not only keeps it looking nice but shows the garden is intentional and is not just a forgotten area.

g. Updated roster - Per Gary Budoor termination of Madhu Bhagavatula (Ward IV) is being initiated 1/10/25. This means we will have an additional vacancy in Ward IV.

h. Review CCEAC Brochures - Clean up - Because of the need to update/maintain brochures listed under CCEAC on the city website, I recommend we only keep and maintain the ones listed below. All brochures need to be updated annually. Bring your ideas to the next meeting. We all agreed a QR code is needed for the brochure.

QR code needs to be prominent on each brochure. 5-6 brochures will be on the Chesterfield website and the rest will be taken down.

- Buy Recycled and Close the Loop revised 4/2024
- Chesterfield What and Where - revised 2024
- End of the Year Accomplishments - Text sent to Su for 2024 and she will add pictures; review
- CCEAC Brochure - revised 2025, committee review - should be 1st brochure listed under CCEAC

- Earth Hour 2024 - keep if this is an annual event, but it should be posted on City's Web page during Month of March and not buried in CCEAC

i. Plan for Earth Day, April 26, 2025. 8:00 am - 11:30 am Ideas?? Would you like to do anything different? Who orders the trees? Who orders the seeds?

Jost Greenhouses will donate native plugs - Thanks Darcy

Donna Pecherski will check with Darcy about the different seed catalogs. It was suggested that we eliminate the kids' activity at our recycling event.

Notes from last year's event:

- 4/27/2024 8am - 11:30 Earth Day Celebration We are partnering with Red Key again. We need a tent, runner, tablecloth and tables.

General thoughts were that the event was a success and committee members were happy about what we accomplished.

Ideas to consider for next year.

1. Compost distribution needs to be a standard size and a limit needs to be enforced
2. Would be nice to have more compost next year.
3. City plans to ask Fick Supply Services, Inc. to donate mulch and to handle standard size distribution of it. We really need vendor on site. We can supply a bucket that holds 3 lbs.
4. Committee would like to know names of the plants and planting instructions prior to event so that we could make signage and organize the plants to make handing them out more efficient.
5. Need to have and post limit # of plants per person/group.
6. Next year Red Key will handle the recycling again.
7. The entire parking lot will be available for our event.

j. Should we celebrate Arbor Day? Ideas? Yes, our city arborist, Geoff is to decide the type of tree and where it should be planted.

k. Follow up on City Tree Manual The tree manual has a column for the common name. A column needs to be added so an X can be placed if it is a native or hybrid tree.

l. Follow up on single use plastic bottles at City Hall

m. Maura native perennials landscaping bed Our committee would like to involved in the choosing of plants that will be planted in this

landscaping bed. We would like to work with parks on this. We would like native perennials chosen for this.

V. COMMITTEE MEMBER' PRIORITIES/IDEAS FOR FUTURE PROJECTS

- ALL INPUT ENCOURAGED Hari Dwivedi brought a guest named Russ Owens to the meeting. He is involved with the Missouri Speedskating Association. There is an MOSA event on March 8 and 9 here in St. Louis.

VI. COMMITTEE RECAPS/FOLLOW UPS

VII. ANNOUNCEMNTS/COMMENTS (2 minutes per person)

a. Per Susan Piazza 1/8/2025 "… no recycle loads from Chesterfield were contaminated enough to warrant landfilling."

VIII. ADJOURMENT The meeting was adjourned at 7:35PM.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING; Thursday, February 27, 2025 City Hall 6:00 – 7:30 Room 102-103

PERSONS REQUIRING AN ACCOMMODATION TO ATTEND AND PARTICIPATE IN THIS MEETING SHOULD CALL (636) 812-9500 AT LEAST TWO WEEKDAYS PRIOR TO THE MEETING.

UPCOMING SCHEDULED CCEAC ACTION ITEM DATES 2025

Note: Wear your light green CCEAC t-shirt & name tag to community events.

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January - March 31, 2025 (Mon) – 3/31/25 Deadline for Sixth Mayor's Monarch Pledge,

Open Pledge Period runs from December 1, 2024 – March 31, 2025

March 3 (Mon) – NWF Zoom Mtg 3-4 pm; Lead: Hari Dwivedi. Back up: Rob Kilo

April 5 (Sat) – Invasive Bush Honeysuckle (IBH) removal, vines removal, and trash pick-up, CCEAC volunteers Terry Grogan & the New Horizons Boy Scout District, resident volunteers.

April 7 (Mon) – CCEAC deadline for Chesterfield Citizen article

April 26 (Sat) – City Earth Day Event, Central Park parking lot, 8-11:30am.

June 9 (Mon) – NWF Zoom Mtg 3-4 pm; Lead: Hari Dwivedi. Back up: Rob Kilo
August 4 (Mon) – NWF Zoom Mtg 3-4 pm; Lead: Hari Dwivedi. Back up: Rob Kilo
November 3 (Mon) – NWF Zoom Mtg 3-4 pm; Lead: Hari Dwivedi. Back up: Rob Kilo
Mid-December - NWF Fiscal Year Report to Recertify Community Wildlife Habitat (Kari)

For Your Information: Other Important Dates

February 20 (Thurs) – City Bikeable Walkable Public Open House, City Hall, 4-7pm.
April – Native Plant Month
April 8 (Tues) – Chesterfield Municipal Election (Mayor & City Council)
April 22 (Tues) – Earth Day
April 25 (Fri) – Arbor Day
June – National Pollinator Month
June 26 (Thurs) – Maura sculpture Central Park parking lot. At 10am, Summer solstice direct sunlight on Maura creates a shadow that mirrors the sculpture's base.
November 11 (Tues) – Veterans Day
November 12 (Wed) – City Veterans Day Event, Veterans Honor Park, 3-5pm.