



RECORD OF PROCEEDING

MEETING OF THE CHESTERFIELD CITIZENS ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF CHESTERFIELD AT CONFERENCE ROOM 102-103

APRIL 24, 2025

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ATTENDANCE

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING SUMMARY

The minutes of the previous CCEAC meeting were submitted for approval. Rob Kilo made a motion, seconded by Bessie Thrasher, to approve the City Council minutes. A voice vote was taken with a unanimous affirmative result and the motion was declared passed.

IV. COMMITTEE RECAPS/FOLLOW UPS

A. National Wildlife Federation March 3 Zoom Meeting

The sixth Mayor's Monarch pledge is complete. Use promo "Garden 20" to certify a garden between May 1 - 31. Butterfly highways need local leaders to support this effort. Next meeting is June 9 from 3-4 CST. Kari will send Zoom information.

B. Senior Health Fair Recap - April 3

Bessie and Jeannie volunteered. Booth was well positioned. Theme "health benefits of bird watching" included conversation about plants for birds.

C. Set Date for Committee Meeting

Communications and marketing committee set a date for May 8 at 6pm in our meeting room. Results to be shared at May meeting.

V. UPDATE ON EVENTS AND DEADLINES

A. Arbor Day, Friday, April 25

Due to weather forecast, no event held. Parks Department planted a Native American Hornbeam and posted on social media.

B. Earth Day, Saturday, April 26

Kari gave details on how the day was going to work. CCEAC: direct traffic and distribute What and Where, Water Quality handout, Republic Recycle Stickers, seeds/flowers/trees with informational sheets.

C. Citizen Article Update

Subject was pollinators. Entire article and pollinator table published. Marketing did a great job with layout. Idea: make pollinator table into handout for future.

D. Staff Update

- a. Native Landscape Solutions removing invasive Honeysuckle and other invasive species. Progress is being made but not completely done yet.
- b. Chesterfield Central Park playground to be completed around second week of June due to rain delays and drainage issue.
- c. Back of House and restrooms at Amphitheater completion is expected by the end of June.
- d. Bullpens nearly completed and then areas around them will be sodded.
- e. Aquatic Center Lazy River leak found and repaired. Full team effort by the City Departments with a positive outcome.
- f. Lifeguards needed. Age 15 and older. Chesterfield will train and certify.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS (2 minutes per person)

- a. Committee vacancies: Ward I has two and Ward II has two.
- b. Dog Leash Ordinance (Section 220.340 City Trails) was passed at City Council. City Parks and Trails maintain stricter rules than in neighborhoods. In the City Parks and Trails, the leash length is six (6) feet in length. In other places, a leash shall be used but the length is not directed by the new ordinance. City Councilmember Merrell Hansen indicated there was significant discussion and debate by the City Council. Most residents are very supportive of the leash law.
- c. Rob shared a statement on the history of the Riparian Trail and crosswalk at August Hill Drive. On March 17, Council has approved a flashing beacon to raise awareness of pedestrians crossing the road. It

- only flashes when a pedestrian clicks the button before crossing. Solution of the flashing beacon sign was well received, and the solution was very cost effective due to the solar power of the sign.
- d. Su Ghosh send an email with data regarding recycling. Please read and share and share thoughts by email. Vaishali recommended that we try to cover one of the solutions this year.
 - e. City Councilmember Merrell Hansen shared update on list of approved trees. The tree list has been completed, and the ordinance was passed and adopted. The UDC has been updated and will be enforced by the Planning and Public Works Departments. Concern was noted that the approved list did not include a "native tree" column or indicator.
 - f. Future CCEAC action: Create a new publication on native trees and advertise the benefits of native trees for residents.
 - g. Future CCEAC action: 2026 Forestry Management Plan will include a tree canopy project, which will include native trees. We can publicize the native tree focus in Citizen newsletter and other communication channels.
 - h. Notes for the group on ideas for a future meeting discussion:
 - 1. Efforts to increase pollinators within Chesterfield (inspired by the butterfly highways)
 - 2. Challenge of how to increase recycling by residents and businesses to improve upon the data shared by Vaishali and Su.

VII. ADJOURNMENT