



RECORD OF PROCEEDING

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

FEBRUARY 27, 2025

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ATTENDANCE

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING SUMMARY

The minutes of the meeting were submitted for approval. Susie M made a motion, seconded by Bessie T., to approve the minutes with the following changes: For b. Mayor's Monarch pledge – we 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. For f. Demonstration Garden, regarding the suggestion for a new demonstration garden in Central Park, 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. A voice vote was taken with a unanimous affirmative result and the motion was declared passed.

IV. COMMITTEE ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Presented by Kari to CCEAC. CCEAC brings up ideas that will go through Kari

with Parks, and come back to the next monthly CCEAC meeting. Question about why PRACAC has a City Council Liaison, but not CCEAC – we can bring this up with the new administration as these two Parks committees are equal.

V. UPDATE ON EVENTS AND DEADLINES

A. Welcome New Members

Welcome new CCEAC members Theresa Gibbons from Ward I, Jessica Eilerman from Ward I, Shelby Nicholl from Ward I, Bessie Thrasher from Ward II, Deepa Dhanalakota from Ward IV - At Large.

B. Mayor's Monarch Pledge

Sixth Mayor's Monarch Pledge, the proclamation, has been completed and signed by Mayor Nation.

C. Invasive Bush Honeysuckle Removal

Date set for Saturday, March 22nd, 9am – Noon (this is a change from previous start of 8am). Terry Grogan and Boy Scouts New Horizons Chapter are confirmed to participate. CCEAC volunteers include Jeanne, Rob, Donna, Deepa, Jessica, Theresa, and maybe Su. Gary will have any who wishes to attend to coordinate with Kari. Kari will ask PRACAC for volunteers as well. MMN/Garden Club – Jeanne.

Focus will be on the Riparian Trail on August Hill Drive, as well as possibly some specific Central Park areas away from the construction areas. Kari will have a Republic dumpster to remove the invasive plant waste from the park area.

Plan to work in small groups with one adult lead per group. Kari will bring Round Up, paint brushes, red solo cups, tarps, a table for sign in, banner, 5-gallon jugs, etc. Bring work gloves, saws, snippers, and hand shovels. Kari will have agreements to sign. Kari will send reminder to Terry Grogan to have Scouts bring water, and tools. Jeanne will provide a training in advance of honeysuckle removal. Deepa will take photos of work project, before/after photos, etc.

Jeanne T. presented an evaluation of the previous honey suckle in order to be prepared for this one.

Jeanne presented a plan for 2025 honeysuckle and discussed it with committee members.

D. Earth Day April 26, 2025

Discussed who could volunteer, the vendors who would be onsite and execution of the event. Jeanne went over the evaluation of the 2024 Earth Day and had a list of questions to discuss in the planning for 2025 earth day.

E. Arbor Day

Geoff Wegrzyn, City Arborist, will pick the type of native tree and the location in a city park. Arbor Day is Friday, April 25th – the native tree planting will occur that afternoon.

F. CCEAC Brochure(s) Review

Include the mission statement. Per January minutes, a reminder that a prominent QR code is needed on each brochure. Reviewed the CCEAC brochure and we provided draft edits to Kari.

G. Staff Updates

Kari will share the presentation via email. Please review for presentation for upcoming events, dates, locations, etc.

Forestry Management Project - Native Landscape Solutions will begin March 10th for the designated 5 acres to remove all invasives.

Maura is not an agenda item delete from minutes– Merrell had a question not for committee minutes. As she said this is not on the agenda but just an understanding of timeline due to it being tabled.

VI. COMMITTEE RECAPS/FOLLOW UPS

A. Demonstration Garden **TABLED**

B. Maura Native Perennials Landscape Bed **TABLED**

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS (2 minutes per person)

VIII. ADJOURNMENT