



Summary of Meeting Minutes
CHESTERFIELD CITIZENS ENVIRONMENTAL
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Conference Room 102-103

Thursday, July 24, 2025

6:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER 6:01 PM

II. ATTENDANCE Kari Johnson, City Liaison, Wayne Dunker Parks Director, Jeanne Tevlin, Chair(Ward IV), Laura Houck, Secretary(Ward III), Rob Kilo, Assistant Chair(Ward IV), Bessie Thrasher(Ward II), Donna Pecherski(Ward II), Vaishali Soneta(Ward IV), Jessica Eilerman(Ward I), Susan Mlynarczyk(Ward III), Su Ghosh(Ward III), and Guests: Pat Tocco Councilperson Ward II, Merrill Hanson(Councilperson Ward IV), Dan Hurt, Mayor

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING SUMMARY

A. Approval of 2025-06-26 meeting results The following is to be added to the previous month's minutes: As far as the street trees that have about 20 trees, CCEAC will choose more than 10 and less than 20 with focus on native trees. We need to add ornamental trees. The company that has been getting rid of the honeysuckle around Central Park will cut the stumps of the bushes that have regrown and retreat. Bessie Thrasher made a motion to approve the minutes with the previous changes. Donna Pecherski seconded the motion.

IV. COMMITTEE RECAPS/FOLLOW UPS

A. National Wildlife Federation updates.

- a. Council meeting presentation Our National Wildlife Certification will be presented at the City Council Meeting on August 18. Please wear your CCEAC shirts. Jeanne Tevlin will invite Chris Hartley to attend.
- b. The next zoom meeting will be August 4 at 3PM. This occurs every quarter and usually takes place on a Monday. Jeanne Tevlin will share these zoom attendances with Jessica Eilerman.
- c. Vaishali Soneta will be more involved with NWF certification and will meet with Kari for more information.

B. Educational/Marketing

- a. Citizen article – make recycling cool again – Jeanne Hit a Home Run with Recycling Kari’s marketing team in the Parks Dept. spruced it up. Kari was able to fit in the Chesterfield Citizen that Chesterfield achieved its 20th year certification.
- b. Monthly Educational Posts This is for marketing on Eblast or A Frame(Sandwich Board)
 - August – reduce – Donna This will be five fun ways to waste less water and reduce like a hero
 1. Power shower challenge
 2. Dish duty like a pro
 3. Laundry logic
 4. BYOE
 5. Flip the switch
 - September – native trees – Rob- Native trees suggestions needed for yards. This will be vetted by our city’s arborist. A link will be added to each tree that will connect to information and pictures of each tree. The sentence: These are suggestions but please do your own research will be added. This list was compiled by CCEAC will also be added. The list of 17 trees was presented to our city arborist, Geoff Wergezyn.
Flyer on native trees for yards – Rob
- c. A-frame Marketing – Vaishali It was suggested to use the slogan, Recycling like a Park Superstar. We will add recycle empty and clean and dry containers. This will be at the A Frame at Central Park and the new playground at Logan Park. The more you educate the better it is.
- d. List of neighborhood websites – Vaishali Vaishali joined some Facebook communities to advertise our events. Some neighborhoods said no advertising so she did not join those neighborhoods. Kari suggested that as a committee member, we should agree to advertise in our own subdivision and one other place-eg. library, church, school, apt. complexes, next door
- e. Standard informational bundle – Jeanne Jeanne Tevlin showed us the standard information bundle that will be passed out at all events: What and where and on the back will be hazardous waste, our CCEAC pamphlet, and a flyer from Republic about recycling on one side and Trex on the other side.

V. UPDATE ON EVENTS AND DEADLINES

- A. August 9 – Saturday - Back to School Bash/1 Mile Fun Run with a Cop Please be at the Back to School Bash at 10. This will end about 12:45/

- Focus – How kids can REDUCE at school Jeanne Tevlin gave Vaishali a container with 100 beans. The kids can guess how many in the container. Vaishali has raffle tickets that can be used. People will have to add their phone number to the raffle ticket. The prize will be a birdhouse.
- Games:
 - 1. Bean Bag toss - how kids can change habits to REDUCE at school: This will be about the different ways kids can reduce. A star will be in the middle for Superstar.
 - 2. Some type of “good habit” sorting game Beat the clock. There will be baskets to sort: ugly and good items Shelby has bell she can bring to use for the game.
 - 3. Bessie will send link to Kari so she can print pages from Republic Services for the kids to color with broken crayons while waiting to play the games. Kari will get stickers so kids can decorate the giveaway snack bags.
 - 4. Bessie will talk to the kids about our native common birds and how many bugs they eat. For example, a mama chickadee feeds her babies about 5000-9000 bugs.
- Give aways for kids-recycled pencils and reusable snack bags

B. October 4 - Saturday – Trucks and Treats

- Focus: How bugs are like trucks and why we need them.
- Games: Show how bugs and trucks do the same functions- example: they both haul, bring food The giveaway is a pullback truck.

C. Staff Updates: 1. Stumps of honeysuckle that regrew were cut below 3 in. and sprayed with herbicide 2. Butterfly garden next to Central Park near Aquatic Center will be redone. 3. Rob Kilo said that we now have a disclaimer for who said what to be used in the minutes. 4. Su Ghosh- Logan Park has a lot of kids and grandparents that use the playground. She suggested using a QR code to scan for information that will lead us to Chesterfield’s website with a dropdown to see individual articles.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS (2 minutes per person)

VII.ADJOURNMENT –

Next meeting Thursday, August 28, 2025