



Summary of Meeting Minutes
CHESTERFIELD CITIZENS ENVIRONMENTAL
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday, December 11, 2025 6:00 PM
Conference Room 102-103

I. CALL TO ORDER The meeting was called to order at 6:18PM

II. ATTENDANCE: Kari Johnson, City Liaison, Jeanne Tevlin, Chair(Ward IV), Laura Houck, Secretary(Ward III), Katie Siech, (Ward II), Susie Mlynarczyk(Ward III), Donna Pecherski(Ward II), Vaishali Soneta(Ward IV), Marvin Clark(Ward II), Jessica Eilerman(Ward I), Shelby Nichol(Ward I), Hari Dwivedi(Ward IV), Bessie Thrasher(Ward II) Guests: Jeanne Clauson, Pat Tocco Councilperson Ward II, Merrill Hanson Councilperson Ward IV

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING SUMMARY

A. Approval of 2025-11-20 meeting results Susie Mlynarczyk made a motion to accept the minutes as written with the change to add Jeanne Tevlin in attendance for the honeysuckle removal. This was seconded by Bessie Thrasher.

IV. COMMITTEE RECAPS/FOLLOW UPS

- A. NWF – Recertification; Grant – Kari We have been recertified. This is our 21st year.
- B. Demonstration Garden update – Jessica The day before our meeting was Jessica’s meeting with the Master Naturalists. We can use their advice for our Demonstration Garden, but our group will maintain the garden. Jessica stated that her Confluence Chapter grows native plants from seeds. We may be able to get plants from them.
- C. Two Fact for “Did You Know?” We can use this for upcoming events. Laura Houck will write up “did you know” facts for wrapping paper recycling.
- D. Republic Services – Susan Piazza flowers- Kari will take care of this.
- E. Study – Jessica and Marvin This was put on hold until next year.
- F. Bundle Handouts Update – neighborhoods? This is being worked on. We can check on places where we can put our bundles. Jessica suggested a document to keep track of the number of bundles left at different places by a document.
- G. Lights out for Birds Update – Jeanne The Lights Out for Birds is with the National Audubon Society. We outlined the expectations for becoming a Program Partner with Lights Out Heartland and it was decided that we would not pursue it. Kari suggested

that we have a lot going on in 2026 that we can promote this through “Did you Know” instead of getting more involved.

- H. CCEAC meeting dates: 4th Thursday of every month 6-7:30 Rm 102-103 City Hall
Exceptions – November and December dates TBD
- I. Bags to Benches Program – NexTrex recycling The idea behind this is that we will collect the plastic bags and then give them to a program that uses NexTrex recycling so they will send them to be recycled. Schnucks uses their own baggage collection center. We need to collect 1000lbs. for a bench.
- J. Removal of Callery Pear trees. The Parks staff has all the trees to be removed tagged with yellow ribbons. Trees will be removed this winter.

V. UPDATE ON EVENTS AND DEADLINES

- A. Earth Day – April 18, 2026 – Update
 - Cosmetics Collection Ulta collects and ships them back to the manufacturer. Donna will check with Ulta Corporate headquarters.
 - Trex Plastic
 - Eyeglasses The Lions Club collects. Shelby’s son, Jay who is a Scout will collect at Earth Day.
 - Frayed flags We can collect at Earth Day and Rob Kilo will take them to a Boy Scout Troop to be burned. The Rotary Nights of Columbus also collects flags.
 - Medicine bottles
- B. Spring Honeysuckle Hack TBD m We will make a date and a rain out date and combine with planting and spreading seed all in one day for next March or April.

VI. CCEAC Member Comments (2 minutes per person)

VII. PARK UPDATES June 11 from 8:30 to 12 flags will be put in the ground at Veterans Honor Park for our nations 250th anniversary.

March 24th is the Citizen Recognition Dinner

VIII. ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned at 7:25PM

Next meeting Thursday, January 22, 2025

The Chesterfield Citizens Environmental Advisory Committee will consider and act upon the matters listed above, and such other matters as may be presented at the meeting and determined to be appropriate for discussion at that time.

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

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