



MEETING MINUTES/RESULTS

Chesterfield Citizens Environmental Advisory Committee

Dec. 19, 2019, 6:00-7:30 p.m. City Hall

690 Chesterfield Parkway West – Multipurpose Room reserved 5:30 PM+

Please get your plate so we can ‘eat and meet.’

I. Call to order. 6:04

Attendance - Present: Darcy Capstick, Polly Rutherford, Su Ghosh, Jeanne Clauson, Jeanne Tevlin, Donna Pecherski, Lois Balance, Gary Budoor, Susan Mlynarczyk

Absent: Laura Houck

City Liaison: Tom McCarthy

Thank you note. Nov. 25th from Paul Travers for calendars & bags.

II. Approval of Nov. 21, 2019 Meeting Results. Minutes approved by: Su, 2nd by: Donna, No edits, approved

III. Unfinished Business

A. 1/21/20 “Recycling Then and Now,” 7 – 8PM-ish, Susan Piazza, Republic Manager, (replaced Joell Aguirre), will give the presentation. There was no RSVP listed in the Ches. Citizen so there is no drop-dead date for # of attendees for the January program. Our education tabletop will have posters/easels, leftover Charity-Sharity bags to give out (about 100 left) + handouts (i.e. closing the loop, proper recycling).

Discussion for the program: BIG ISSUE: plastic bags IN recycle units, will be one of the questions and topics; Presentation and Q&A at the end; Advertisement in the newsletter, on social media and Facebook. Name of the program has been set. **Recycling Then & Now.** Jeanne T would like to have more input for the name of the remaining 3 programs for the year; An RSVP needs to be added so we know if we have enough for a program and can list a drop-dead date. Director McCarthy will bring magnetized name tags for committee. Jeanne T will be assistant/floor manager; Tom will take pictures of laminated posters that he has and will send to Donna, so she knows what he will be bringing.

Blake Pericich’s (parents & grandparents present) award will be given out before the program starts.

B. 4/25/20 Chesterfield’s 29th Annual Earth Day – Plan, Re/E Cycling, Butterfly Garden Kits, Partner tables (Pfizer, Butterfly House, Republic, Forget-Me-Not’s, Bayer?), Tree Guide, our table, # recycled (C-S) shopping bags to ‘order’ –

We’ll be at the mall again this year. It’s too soon to know if we will be able to be inside though, due to the status of the mall ownership. There will be 20 Butterfly Garden Kits each with 4 native flora to be sold by the Forget Me Not’s Federated Garden Club. Tree Guide was prepared by Jeanne C. It’s been sent out. CCE table will be the same as in the past, with all our normal items to give out. Darcy will order about 300 more bags from Charity Sharity.

C. 4/??/20 Quarterly Presentation: “Gardening for Wildlife,” WHO?, DATE?, NWF Slideshow on topic before/after program, our tabletop, Pfizer’s tabletop – Dir. McCarthy, Darcy Green team and sustainability efforts. Pfizer wants to share their sustainability efforts. Tom will get a speaker for the program. The date is not set yet, but will be set by Dir. McCarthy.

D. Spring 2020 IBH + Arbor Day: “Plant Natives (replacement milkweeds) and Pull Invasive Honeysuckle,” Central Park/Amphitheater - Dir. McCarthy, Steve Jarvis, Darcy. Plant a tree for arbor day at the amphitheater. Remove honeysuckle in one area and plant a native tree in another place and expand native flora for butterflies.

E. Banner Bags update – Darcy, Dir. McCarthy: The banners are too weathered, we can’t use them.

F. Spring 2020 Ed. Tabletops – ALL APPROVED DATES: 3/2 - 13 City Hall, 3/16 - 26 YMCA, 3/30 - 4/10 Library – Donna, Jeanne C., Darcy. Tom asked about article for turning tee shirts into bags. City of Ches. has lots of tee shirts they would like to donate.

G. Quarterly City Newsletter Articles DUE 1/10/20 for 3, 4, 5/2020 (Listed below or on back)) - Darcy, Dir. McCarthy

H. MFDU ordinance emailed – issues - Su, Lois, Donna, Darcy, Dir. McCarthy:

Discussion: Give them the Chesterfield What and Where, the Re/E flyer and Closing the Loop flyer. Give to business managers and ask them to post. We’ll see what Republic says in January, so it’s on hold until then. Regarding enforcement of Ordinances: There is only one Code Enforcer for entire city. Hard to enforce as managers keep changing. No one has time to go around and check to see if Ordinances are being followed. All codes, all neighborhood complaints, only one person to enforce all codes.

I. Possible Dates for Quarterly Presentations: Wed, June 3, 10, or 17 2020, Tom Holt, “Monarch/Pollinator Network,” Wed. October/7, 14, or 21 2020, “October is Energy Awareness Month” Dir. McCarthy will speak with Adam Rustige about the presentation.

IV. Action Items Update

- A. Milkweeds** – 4 species, 3 bids, Plan: combine with Arbor Day to plant them, a native tree, and pull IBH at Central Park/Amphitheater. 2020 David Risberg Grant/CFM potential due 12/31/19 - Darcy, Jeanne C., Jeanne T., Dir. McCarthy:
Su asked that Risberg grant app be sent to her and she will help Tom with grant application.
- B. EOY 2018, 2019 DRAFT Handout for proofing** – Su, Darcy, Dir. McCarthy Brochure sent out that Su and Darcy worked on. Darcy asked that we look over it and give edits in January.
- C. CCEAC Brochures** – turn in your edits – Darcy, Dir. McCarthy:
Susan commented that it’s great, but there is almost too much information for people to look at. It’s overwhelming. The brochure is more for our own purposes and our history and how things have developed and evolved over the years. JT questioned if we are doing too much and we should try to narrow our focus beginning in 2020.
- D. Flyers update (Listed on Back)** - Darcy, Dir. McCarthy
- E. Blue Planet’s GREEN Challenge** – Jeanne T.
Su said that after 5 years only 5 people have shown an interest, and they needed a lot of coaching.
- F. National Wildlife Telecon. (NWF)** 12/10/19, next one 2/11/20 – Darcy
229 registered and certified members. Pushing using trees for wildlife program. Darcy will send info to Tom. They asked that we update our page on their website. Darcy told them about our Quarterly Presentations and our effort for plastics flyers. Hopefully that will encourage others to care more about plastic pollution.
- G. Photos and Republic Review on big screen, Republic:** Y 2603.00 yds., R 386.30 T, T 969.17 T. Royal Oak 5.07 T. - Dir. McCarthy, Darcy.

V. Unfinished Business and/or Actions – Jeanne T., Donna P. Update on new website. It’s going to be worked on.

VI. New Business. Dominion Energy (VA) + Vanguard Renewables + Smithfield Foods Partnership will be using U.S. Dairy Farms for methane to natural gas throughout our country.
Darcy brought this news article to our attention. Jeanne C. brought up the fact that CAFO’s are such big waste polluters and have such animal cruelty due to poor federal and state restrictions that this should not really be considered a plus or win/win for the Environment.

VII. Adjournment: Adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Next Meeting: January 23, 2020, 6:00 p.m., City Hall

List of Quarterly Newsletter Articles due 1/10/20

*carry-over of Oct. 5, 2019 YMCA photo with caption

3/20 - National Wildlife Week

3/28/20 - International Earth Hour

4/3 MO/state Arbor Day, 4/24/20 National Arbor Day (Dir. McCarthy)

4/25/20 29th Chesterfield Earth Day (Dir. McCarthy)

4/??/20 Quarterly Conservation Presentation, “Gardening for Wildlife” (Who? When? Dir. McCarthy)

Spring 2020 IBH Eradication/”Plant Natives and Pull Invasives” - Central Park/Amphitheater (Dir. McCarthy)

Spring 2020 Ed. Tabletops Schedule

5/20 May is Compost Awareness Month AND Garden for Wildlife Month

Blue Planet’s GREEN Challenge Youth – Blake Pericich picture with article

Oldest Living Tree verbiage/photograph from Eagle Scout Johan Yates (Dir. McCarthy)

Flyers

International Earth Hour, Plastic Bags, debris/decomp 'piece' and ¼ sheet 'plastics pollution' – Su; All of these flyers were distributed at our Dec. meeting.

Chesterfield What and Where/HHW + new panel – Donna

Water A Most Precious Resource update – Susan

Girl Scout Signature Gardens, Families Signature Gardens Darcy; Dir. McCarthy has the draft of these flyers for updating.

Green Initiatives Brochure – Darcy; Dir. McCarthy has the draft of this document for updating.

YMCA layout garden segments updated – Chris Hartley/Butterfly House – Darcy