

MEETING MINUTES
Chesterfield Citizens Committee for the Environment
December 18, 2014, 6:30 p.m.
City Hall, Multi-Purpose Room

All agenda items were discussed; necessary outcomes/actions are noted.

I. Call to Order/Agenda:

A. Attendance/Absences/Notices.

Meeting called to order at 6:40.

In attendance: Darcy Capstick, Bob Ernst, Polly Rutherford, Donna Pechersky, Ken Denson, Su Ghosh, Jeff Chapple, Jeanne Clauson, Terry Grogan.

Absent: Ben Keathley, Jeanne Tevlin, Patty Wiggins

City Liaison in Attendance: Libbey Tucker, James Mello

City Council Liaison Absent: Bruce DeGroot

The Committee opened with the annual Holiday Season Green Buffet Meet and Greet celebration organized by Polly R.

- B. E-Reports: 11/20/14 minutes,** A/W Republic will report later this month, Royal Oak Recycling (80 tons) still getting used to the new reporting routine; 12/9/15 NWF Quarterly National Telecon Minutes; Earth Day Youth in Science Expo was moved next to Dillard's in the Mall; 4th Saturday new WITS Ecycle Saturday location to Chesterfield Mall.

II. "Sustainability by Design" Projects; laptop as necessary.

A. C/S Blankets and Comfort Bears update – Darcy, Libbey.

1. Meredith McMinder, GS Troop #2534 liaison troop leader presentation of the YISTEMR Award Ribbon; reported on the GS's making Charity-Sharity fabric ribbons for YISTEMR for every child who participates.
2. Current totals in-stock: 5-6 bags of bears but no blankets yet, expect new blanket arrivals by first of January. Donna P's son's inquiry; report from Donna that her son works more in the surgery areas rather than in the ER so will not be involved.

- B. Follow-up 1st Annual FNG Grow-Off/replies update – James** reported that we have received no replies as of yet. We will wait until January to determine if a follow-up is required.

- C. Chesterfield Elementary School Report – Jeanne T.** was absent, report from Darcy was that the school was awarded the \$2500 dollar grant from NWF/DOI. Feb 5th Leadership Day celebration at school in recognition of award.

D. Letter for Grant Support – Libbey, Darcy.

1. St. Louis Teachers' Recycle Centers – Sue Blandford. Libbey reported that your letter of support was sent.

E. Benevolences/Sustainability Grants – Libbey, Darcy.

1. Total Review. \$1408.93 is our total; \$500 was sent to WITS; City Administrator needs to approve all grants made by CCE in the future; a policy will be developed by City to guide our grant process.
2. Advancing YISTEMR: email received from Dr. Hutchins about tours to Pfizer/Monsanto by youth interested in STEM.
3. Review Process.

F. Brochures/Flyers

1. "Without Plants, We're TOAST" brochure update. Draft due at 1/22/15 meeting. – Bob, Darcy: Draft should be ready by deadline and ready to receive input from partners.

G. Green Teaming #56, 57, & 58/VOTE, When? – Darcy: “Rule of 5” events, opportunities. 2534 has been our GS liaison for 5-6 years

1. Girl Scout Troop #2534, extended outreach efforts to Circle of Concern and worked with Lil Collins/Ozark Berry Farm, LLC, and Charity-Sharity. Part of BDC STL with CCE, participated in Earth Days and Recycle events, and helped to eradicate honeysuckle at CES last year with CCE.
2. Lil Collins/Ozark Berry Farm, LLC has been involved with CCE for years, provided discounts to CCE for milkweed and other plants, partnered with Butterfly House and on Earth Days, etc., always available to work with CCE, including Earth Days and in Novembers.
3. Charity-Sharity has given us and other service providers many dozen blankets and bears for children in stressful situations, helped make sustainability care more available. Attended numerous Earth Days and Chesterfield/Missouri Recycling for their collection of recyclables.
4. CCE voted unanimously in favor of continuing to work with all three partners and to green team them with City Council.
5. Monday Feb 2, 2015 City Council meeting.

H. Report on Parks & Recreation Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting of 12/13-Darcy: Things to be discussed include; Parks and Rec Committee will be funded by a municipal parks grant collected by STL County. Rivers Edge opening on Saturday, 4-11-2015; 9:00 to 12:30. Arbor Day planting of native trees (Mindy Mohrman) should be made in coordination with the Park opening celebration. Libbey will check with Mindy to ensure the events are coordinated. No issues noted about park conditions. Staff reported that the Maccabee Games will be here in 2016 as will Real Madrid in 2015. AEP River Operations made a \$250,000 donation for the Veterans Park.

I. NWF – Darcy.

1. National Telecon highlights from 12/9: Darcy reported that numerous people were on call; international migratory Bird Day is coming up;
2. NWF is likely to want to be involved in our Earth Day especially in conjunction with their butterfly pledge.

J. 24th Annual Chesterfield Earth Day, Sat., April 25, 2015; 10:00 to 3:00; set-up starting at 8:00 AM – Darcy, Libbey.

1. 2015 Trees Selections- Jeanne C. reported trees were ordered.
2. Vendors’ contact information: Must be turned in to James. CFM Affiliates are being invited. Approx. 30 to be turned in. \$20 for non-profit entities and \$40 for for-profit firms.
3. Layout at Chesterfield Mall: all vendors will be inside Mall around central courtyard in same general area. Youth in Science area around lower entrance to Dillard’s. City is paying \$3,000 to Mall for event facilities.
4. Continuing CSScroll/Milkweed Plants – 3 species (*tuberosa*, *incarnata*, *verticulata*), 100 for \$150.00. Two questions: Do we want to continue community stewardship scroll that will cost \$150 for three species of milkweed plants (100 plants in containers) from Greenscape Gardens to give away in conjunction with kids/families taking butterfly pledge? 2. Do we want to have some type of art support for the butterfly pledge event (face paintings or other art)? CCE members discussed both measures and voted to support the scroll effort. Need Libbey to notify

Mr. Herring about decision. Proposal to involve Sue Blandford (St. Louis Teachers' Recycle Centers) in recycled art effort was discussed favorably. CCE members were in favor of involving art community but not focused on art group itself. GS troop wants to be involved for face painting.

5. Tentative plans. NWF 'Butterfly Pledge' for kids & potential art project: NWF is starting national Butterfly pledge to engage kids and families to take a hero's pledge photo for submission and plant a Butterfly garden with what NWF will send them in their yards.
6. Multicultural Participants – Su is in contact with several Indian groups but will report details next month. Darcy reported on receiving inquiries from parties representing several different countries (Continental Group representing dance from various European countries can perform for one hour: Spain, Colombia, Hawaii, South Pacific Islands, St. Louis Flamenco Society dance groups).

K. BiodiverseCity St. Louis update – Bob E.: Nothing new to report.

L. End of Year Accomplishments – HOORAH CCE - Libbey distributed a list of accomplishments that Darcy codified including: tabletop displays, new projects such as Solar Day and the First Annual Family Native Gardening Grow-Off. List incorporated by reference.

M. Other.

III. Calendar: *Jan. 15, 2015, Info Due for March newsletter; National Wildlife Week 3/9 – 15/15; International Earth Hour 3/15. Next Meeting: January 22, 2015, 6:30 P.M., City Hall – Rms. # 101/2. *Happy Holidays!*

IV. Prior to meeting adjourning at 8:05 PM CCE presented Thank You Recognitions to Libbey, James, and Darcy for their outstanding service to CCE.