



MEETING MINUTES/RESULTS

Chesterfield Citizens Environmental Advisory Committee

December 17, 2020, 6:00-7:30 p.m. Via Zoom



- I. Call to order. Attendance sheet. Announcements: Polly R. resigned; need ‘secretary’ - Gary B. volunteered; Donna and Lois reappointed. Remembering Ron Coleman.** *NEW Logan Park: Jack Garritano BSEagle work, Parks Grant, NWF Ap. ‘21. Central Park/Amphitheater milkweeds improvement to quality nature, NWF Ap. ‘21. Vertical outdoor planting ‘wall/frame’ for pollinators potentially at ‘amphitheater’ with Boy Scout Troop, & Pfizer help – TBD. Dir. McCarthy addressed these issues and we will continue to address them at future meetings. The NWF Application can go in for Central Park Amphitheater. Darcy reviewed how Ron Coleman was the city’s first Parks Director and it was through him that we established Chesterfield as a Tree City, USA. Later on, Mr. Coleman became the President of the Board of The Conservation Federation of MO.*
- II. Approval of Feb. 27, 2020, Meeting Results.**
Jeanne T - made motion to approve minutes from the last meeting and Laura seconded it. The motion was unanimously approved.
- III. Old Business**
- A. PRA Subcommittee of City Council Meeting Results – Dir. McCarthy.**
- 1. MFDU Business Managers and Subdivision Trustees electronically to receive ‘CW&W’ and Buying Recycled Means ‘Closing the Loop’ 2020 handouts**
Dir. McCarthy indicated that the two flyers were discussed and distributed through the virtual subdivision trustees meeting. Darcy indicated it was up to us to encourage residents to use our page on the city’s website.
 - 2. Need Ward 1 resident volunteers for CCEAC since mid-2019**
Dir. McCarthy said he had alerted our Ward I Councilmembers but we are still looking for volunteers. Pandemic causing the delay to fill this position.
- B. Education Tables at YMCA and Library in Spring ‘21/TBD. - Darcy, Donna, Jeanne C.**
We discussed the education tables at the YMCA and Library, and the new schedule will be based on the pandemic protocols.
- C. Quarterly Conservation Education Presentations? - Dir. McCarthy, Darcy**
1. Early 2021? Recycling with Republic/Susan Piazza?
 2. Monarch/pollinator network?
 3. October is Energy Awareness Month?
- Darcy asked that the members use these topics to help prepare a 2021 calendar of events. Tom indicated that he would like to get a "Garden Committee" to help maintain all of our city's native gardens, and he wants local small vendors to help maintain these gardens. CCEAC is to help plan the Logan garden. Jeanne T suggested that we work with that group from the beginning so that there is no gap in the maintenance. Dir. McCarthy will write an article soliciting these.*
4. Spring/Fall - “Gardening for Wildlife” - smaller native birds/9/29/20 - Mitch L./SLAudubon; ‘Gardening with Natives’ - 10/13/20 - Sue Leahy. Reports. – Dir. McCarthy.
There were about 18 attendees at the Spring/Fall - Gardening for wildlife presentation 9/29/20. There were about 15 attendees at the Gardening with Natives 10/13/20 presentation.
 5. 30th Annual Chesterfield Earth Day: 2021 Tree list for Tree Guide. – Jeanne C.; Recyclers - Dir. McCarthy, Darcy.
We will have seven varieties of trees to hand out at the 30th Annual Chesterfield Earth Day. (Short Leaf Pine, Ohio Buckeye, River Birch, Redbud, Rose Mallow, False Indigo, & Buttonbush. Some of each species are left over from 2020 and they are potted so we can use the 2020 Tree Guides.)

D. 7/10/20 city newsletter articles for 9, 10, 11/2020 emailed to members. Next issue articles due 1/15/21 for 3, 4, 5 2021 – Dir. McCarthy.

Darcy will email the articles for 3, 4, 5/2021 to members. Tom talked about the plans for Logan Park - He said that the CCEAC would be charged with getting the design for the park and garden. Jeanne T asked who was going to maintain the garden. Darcy indicated that the new incoming students to Logan U. each year are those who would be most helpful.

E. National Wildlife Federation; 4/7/20 national telecon., 6/2/20 cancelled, 8/11/20 national telecon., 10/20/20 national telecon., 12/1/20 national telecon.; Award for Mayors' Monarch Pledge, "Gardening for Wildlife" Presentation on our page/city's website. RECERTIFICATION FOR 16TH YEAR!!! - Darcy

1. 3 NWF Aps. Early 2021: Logan Park; expansion of native area at Amphitheater with milkweeds from CFM Risberg Grant; and potential vertical planting 'wall/frame' – Dir. McCarthy. *The NWF Application for the Amphitheater expansion can go in now. Wait on the other two.*
2. Using NWF Certified Community Wildlife Habitat Logo and getting 3 NWF Certified Community Wildlife Habitat outdoor signage (City Hall, Parks HQ, and Amphitheater) – Darcy, Dir. McCarthy. *Members indicated that they wanted these 3 outdoor signs to help educate the public. Dir. McCarthy said he'd use the NWF Link to do this.*
3. Mayor' Monarch Pledge 2021 actions for Repledge by 12/1/21 - Darcy. *We must commit by 3/31/21 and actions must be completed by 12/21. Darcy said she would send the link to all members after this meeting.*

F. Tree Walk, Eberwein Park update. Cornell's native bird poster, and "7 simple actions to help birds' brochure. – Dir. McCarthy

Tom McCarthy and his staff replanted milkweed at the Amphitheater, which was lost in the flooding of Railroad Park.

G. Narrow Focus Items – Dir. McCarthy

Jeanne T listed: gardening group, recycle opportunities, speaker series, how to do more community outreach.

H. Republic: YW – 1385 cu. Yd.; R – 445.0 T; W – 1599.9 T for 8/20; YW 560 cu. Yd., R - 369.69 T, W – 1082 T for 9/20; special notes. **Royal Oak:** 4.63 T 6/20; 2.395 T 7/20; 3T 8/20; .95 T 9/20; 1.3 T 10/20. *Darcy sent a slide show to all members about Republic.*

I. Beekeeping in Chesterfield/Parks/Subdivisions update - Dir. McCarthy (emailed articles)

1. Bees in the Neighborhood: Best Practices for Urban Beekeepers, U of CA, 5/18,
2. Suburban Bees: How to Keep Bees in a Residential Area, Pollinator Network @ Cornell U. 2020
3. Recommendation for bee hives in neighborhoods – Dir. McCarthy

In regards to the Beekeeping in Chesterfield/Parks/Subdivision - we will talk more about it at the next meeting. Jeanne C brought up concerns that the bees attracted by these beekeepers are not native bees. The purpose of the write-up is to show what the best practices are for safely keeping honeybees, not to solicit more honeybee keepers. Dir. McCarthy is preparing a write-up for us to review.

J. National Invasive Species Awareness Month??? - Darcy, Dir. McCarthy

Discuss adding to our annual calendar. Discuss. Vote. IBH work with New Horizons BS Dist., Oct. 17, Central Park, 8:45 AM – 1 PM. While the month of October was suggested because of historical actions, we will vote in January. Dir. McCarthy asked us to verify if there were a special month/week already nationally designated.

IV. Action Items

1. Reports: Biobags and holder frames/compost - picture – Darcy; Flyers update – Darcy, Dir. McCarthy. *The biobags and holder came from Resource Recycling to begin the composting effort at Parks HQ. The bags are made from vegetable starches and biodegrade like Trader Joe's.*

2. Follow-up with Dir. Francis – Dir. McCarthy. *Dir. McCarthy called Dir. Francis.*

3. Dir. McCarthy's Reports: IBH Eradication with Scouts Oct. 17, 24th C/M/America Recycles, Nov.7, Kari's tree distribution numbers from Trunk or Treat: 50 trees & 150 bags. Photos. *Photos will be brought to the next meeting.*

- *Su suggests viewing CCEAC content on city website. As homework, we need to review how hard/easy to read our info on City website.*
- *Dir. McCarthy will provide bee-keeping recommendation by next meeting.*
- *Darcy asked for any edits to the 'Final Draft' of our EOY Report 2020 to be given to her by the end of this year.*

V. Unfinished Business/Actions - Jeanne T., Donna P.

Pollinator/commuter gardens. The committee brought up that 'commuter' gardens would be confusing to the native flora gardens and signature gardens we have been using to label our native habitat gardens.

VI. New Business/Other: EOY 2020 Draft – Su and Darcy

1. *EOY 2020 – Proofread and send any edits by end of year to Darcy.*
2. *"New" website – Retain & reorganize based on the feedback. Some handouts will be saved to "archives." Nothing will be deleted, just reorganized.*
3. *We will finalize plans for the future based on our mission statement. See CCEAC Brochure.*

VII. Adjournment - next meeting 1/28/21

VIII. UPDATED FLYERS & STATUS

1. Chesterfield What & Where/HHW 2020 **on** CCEAC page – Dir. McCarthy
2. Water A Most Precious Resource (**needs placement on website page**) – Susan
3. Green Initiatives Brochure from 2019 **status** – Dir. McCarthy
4. 29th Annual Earth Day Tree Guide? /30th finalized early 2021 - Dir. McCarthy, Darcy
5. Buying Recycled Means 'Closing the Loop' Brochure 2020 **on** CCEAC page – Dir. McCarthy
6. Chris H: Pollinators in Your Garden & Nesting (2 p.), Butterflies and their Hosts (1 p.), Nectar Plants for Butterflies/Host Plants for MO Butterflies (2 p.) - done, **with** Dir. McCarthy
7. Plastic bags/and/or decomp rates – done, **with** Dir. McCarthy
8. ¼ sheet "Only YOU can prevent Plastics Pollution" - done, **with** Dir. McCarthy
9. YMCA Expansion Garden/Chris - done, **with** Dir. McCarthy
10. CCEAC Brochure with 2019 updates – done and **on** CCEAC page.
11. Top 10 List of Invasives – copies – available. *Need updated versions from MDOC and/or MO Prairie Fdn.*
12. Compost flyers and slide shows – done – **on** CCEAC page.
13. Volunteer Certificates for Youth – done, **with** Dir. McCarthy.
14. Stellar Green Youth Team Application **replaced onto** CCEAC page – done.

Leftovers from 29th Earth Day: native seeds, potted native trees (need confirmation) AND 29th Annual Earth Day Tree Guide, 150 Charity-Sharity recycled fabric shopping bags, NWF Applications for Certification, NWF Attracting Butterflies Tip Sheets, NWF magazines, MDOC materials...

Next Meeting: Jan. 28, 2021, 6:00 p.m., City Hall

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 THE MEETING SHOULD CONTACT Ann-Marie Stagoski at (636) 812-9501, AT LEAST TWO (2) WORKDAYS PRIOR TO THE MEETING.