



MEETING MINUTES/RESULTS

Chesterfield Citizens Environmental Advisory Committee

October 27, 2022, 6:00-7:30 p.m. City Hall

690 Chesterfield Pkwy. West, Rms. #102-103

- I. **Call to order at 6:00PM. Adjourned at 7:32 Attendance:***Director McCarthy, Darcy Capstick, Laura Houck, Jeanne Clausen, Barron Rutledge, Su Ghosh, Sue and Paul McCool. Susan Mlynarczyk and guest speaker: Rich Blosser* Absent-*Donna Pecherski and Madhu Bhagavatula.* **Announcements:** Congratulations Madhu Bhagavatula, Ward 4. Dir. McCarthy's announcement. *Darcy added that she had telephoned all 12 "commit for the kit" families to remind them they needed to send Dir. McCarthy photos of their native wildflower gardens. Dir. McCarthy said he'd review them and let us know at our next meeting. Also from zipcode 63017, 50, 500 pounds of HHW and latex paints have been recycled at the County's two HHW Sites!!!*
- A. Enough plastic bottlecaps have been collected to make the bench! Thank you, McCool's.
- II. **Approval of August 25, 2022 Minutes/Results. September cancelled. Edits? Vote.** – Darcy Paul McCool moves that the minutes be accepted. Sue McCool seconds the motion.
- III. **Guest Presenter, Mr. Rich Blosser, St. Louis Compost - (15 min.)** Mr. Blosser's talk was very informative about composting. You need a little water, oxygen, and microbes. It is an aerobic process. We need 3:1 brown to green to make a compost pile. Brown would be leaves and green would be grass clippings. St. Louis produces two stadiums full of trash per day. Forty percent is compostable. You can drop off bags of things to be composted. The cost is \$2 per brown bag and \$3 per plastic bag. 800,000 cubic yards of organics were made in 2021 and 500,000 wood fibers. It takes 3-6 months to become compost from waste.
- A. **Earth Day 32 request.** Compost donation in a large Parks Pick Up Truck. April 22 or 29 will be Earth day in 2023. Mr. Blosser volunteered to donate a half ton pick up truck full of compost. Logistics. - everyone. Mr. Blosser said to come early in the week because at that time weekends are VERY busy; call so as to arrange a time/date.
- IV. **New Business Actions**
- A. **NWF – Darcy**
1. NWF "Milkweeds for Monarchs" Brochure. It is on our page, city's website? Yes, it's "milkweeds tent fold."
 2. 10/3 Zoom/telecon report; last one 12/5. 143 yards to be certified and 148 have been certified. They are working to get mosquito control program online. Darcy talked about energy awareness and Ameren's presentation, invasive species honeysuckle eradication. The next zoom telecom is December 5.
 3. FYReport 2022 due 12/1 update; emailed 'grid' to Dir. McCarthy This is due December 15 – Dir. McCarthy. *Dir. McCarthy said he's working on it; it's on the 'to do' list.*
 4. Free CFM 3-part tabletop display with carrying case which Kari Johnson is picking up Nov. 7 in Jefferson City – Darcy, Dir. McCarthy. All P, R, A, and Environment people should be able to use it.
- B. **2023 Sets – TBCompleted in 2023**
1. W, May 3, "Garden for Wildlife" - Greenscape Gardens, Susan Leahy, SET: 8 florae/kit; 3 kits for each Ward. Site, time TBA. SIGN UP SHEETS IN 2023. - Sue McC., Darcy
 2. Earth Day 32, Central Park, date/time TBA, NO re/cycling, Jost donating native wildflowers. DOC trees & review list (*Jeanne is working on the field descriptions of each tree for Earth Day 32's Tree Guide*). SLCDOH "Bob"? Ameren table? SLCompost giveaway? Republic tabletop. Seeds? SLTeachers' Recycling Center/VanGo. Remains. SIGN UP SHEETS IN 2023. - Darcy, Dir. McCarthy. Darcy will get current listings of what Remains and SLTRC/Van Go take for recycling.

C. W., Oct. 12 (Earth Science Week – 10/9 - 15), 6:30 – 7:30 PM, SET. RSVP 636.812.9501. Marco Tipton/Ameren. **CRITIQUE. Will redo in 2023; HOW DOES THE WORD GET OUT? Well attended. Paul McCool stated that he learned a lot. Ameren would like to return next year. Susan Mlynarczyk was asked to find out information about STEM teachers and to contact Terry Grogan (Emeritus) about Boy Scout badges so as to ask them to help youth attend our “Ed. Presentations”. There is a merit badge for boy scouts for environmental science– Dir. McCarthy**

D. Sat., Oct. 15, 8:30 AM – 11 AM, Invasive Bush Honeysuckle Eradication. **Cancelled.** - Dir. McCarthy
Spring request from Terry Grogan/Boy Scouts for March/April/May or June (quarterly cycle newsletter).
A Saturday morning/same site/same time. Terry will let us know a choice #1 date and #2 date. This event this year could not be done as only two people signed up.

E. Fall Festival, Sat., Oct. 22, 1 – 4 PM, 26th America/MO/Chesterfield Recycles Celebration, Central Park. **NO re/recycling. CCEAC Table. Republic Table. 2 tents. SLCDOH “Bob” plus one, SLTRC/VanGo - book giveaway, CCE recycled plastic water Bottles, Donna’s sign, our 2 updated brochures/QR codes with some printouts. CRITIQUE. – This event was well attended with about 3000 people. The weather was great but very windy. Two hundred water bottles were given away with two different handouts in the bottles. Darcy, Dir. McCarthy**

V. Old Business Actions

A. Unfinished

1. Vertical Growing Walls - “tabled” until next year/Sue McC ‘holds’ report – Dir. McCarthy
2. City newsletter articles **due 9/22** for 11, 12, 1, 2/2023 to include Lone Star Tick Expansion (or 3, 4, 5/23?), October Energy Awareness/Photo, October Invasive Bush Honeysuckle Eradication/Photo, 26th America/MO/Chesterfield Recycles Celebration Oct. 22/Photos, Don’t Let them Go Extinct, and Got Leaves? Emailed to everyone. Next issue deadline **9/22** - Darcy. Dir. McCarthy will find out for our next meeting.
3. Meadowbrook Farm/Clarkson Ests. Native flora plantings for entryways. Pending. - Darcy
4. Eagle Scout Butterfly-Pollinator Garden CVAC HQ weeding maintenance. Can PRACAC members help to maintain a Parks HQ Garden? – Donna, Jeanne, Dir. McCarthy. Dir. McCarthy will ask.
5. Moving education tabletop from Mall to City Hall. Plan? Instead of moving the tabletop now, it was suggested that it be set up closer to Earth Day in 2023.- Donna, Jeanne C.
6. CCEAC Brochure and Buying Recycled Means ‘Closing the Loop’ Brochure update, and are the updates on our page on the city’s website? – Dir. McCarthy. Dir. McCarthy said it’s still pending.

VI. **Logan, Central and Eberwein Parks Updates** – Dir. McCarthy Logan Park had four bidders for work and Bombshell Company was chosen. They will start on the parking lot, playground surfacing, pavilion. Restroom facility not hooked up. They hope to make substantial progress in next couple of weeks. The Loop Rd. by the Sachs Library will start next year. The dam at Eberwein was leaking. Over 100 turtles had to be rescued. It is currently fixed, the debris is cleaned up and the area is now 15 ft. deep instead of about 2 ft. deep.

VII. Recycling for August and September - Darcy

A. **Republic:** Yardwaste: 558.0 Cu. Yds.; Recycle: 353.65 T; Trash: 1179.90 T. 24.5% Ave. Total Diversion Rate. September requested.

1. Susan P. will consider a 3,4,5/2023 community recycling presentation and Earth Day 32.

Royal Oak: May 0 ton, June 4 tons, July 1.76 tons, August .69 ton, September 4.23 tons.

VIII. Unfinished business – everyone

IX. New Business/Other. Next meeting Th., Nov. 17, 2022 (third Thursdays in Nov. And Dec.)

A. Adjourn meeting. Other.

1. Earth Hour 2023 – updating. - Su Gosh. Su is working on this for 2023.

2. St. Louis Teachers' Recycling Center letter of support for grant sent to Sue Blandford. Recycle center located at Chesterfield Mall until end of 2024.– Darcy
3. Native florae seeds for Earth Day 32 – Wildseed Farms catalog – Darcy Darcy said to look at pages 11(Pollinator Mix), and page 12(cut flower mix). We will vote next meeting.
4. End of Year Report DRAFT Dec. 15 meeting/vote – Su, Darcy. Due to Su being out of town for the next numerous weeks, this DRAFT will be ready by our Jan 26, 2023 meeting.
5. Wax Worms' saliva degrades polyethylene changing the paradigm of plastic biodegradation
SLPD, P. A8, 10/14/22- Darcy
6. Two *new* Green Team Members – Republic/Susan Piazza and SLC/Dept. Of Health/Waste Mgmt./Kim Williams (3 events or more). Vote. – Darcy Laura Houck made a motion to Green Team both Susan Piazza and Kim Williams. The motion was seconded by Jeanne Clausen and Susan Mlynarczyk. It was agreed upon that the signs for the Green Team members be made out of wood or bamboo. There are no more plastic emblem signs. Director McCarthy will look into this. Susan Piazza/Republic will be #67 and SLC/DOH/Waste Mgmt. - Kim Williams will be #68.

Pending Action Items

Eberwein Tree Walk – Dir. McCarthy

“Getting to Know” - Su G.

Community Garden Group to maintain native gardens update – Ass't. Dir. Jarvis

CCEAC Group Photo – Dir. McCarthy

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