



MEETING MINUTES/RESULTS

Chesterfield Citizens Committee for the Environment
September 26, 2019, 6:00-7:00 p.m. City Hall –
690 Chesterfield Parkway West - Room 102-103



I. Call to order. 6:00 PM

Attendance sheet.

- A. Present: Darcy Capstick, Polly Rutherford, Jeanne Clauson, Su Ghosh, Donna Pecherski, Jeanne Tevlin, Laura Houck, Gary Budoor
- B. Absent: Lois Balance, Terry Grogan (Emeritus – officially approved by City Council) Ram Kuripati had to resign due to time constraints and work commitments
- C. Staff Liaison: Tom McCarthy
- D. Guest and Possible new member: Susan Mlynarczyk

Announcements (8)

- 1. Information was forwarded to each CCE Member about Recovering America's Wildlife Act which was sent by the CFM for its Affiliates' information.
- 2. Darcy emailed to members the CCE Working Groups after the August meeting.
- 3. Pfizer's biopharmaceutical research, development and process review site was certified as an NWF Habitat. They also announced their Green Teams would like to have tabletops at Earth Day, our CCE "Gardening for Wildlife" NWF Slide Show in April and are considering an addition for each purchaser of the Better Backyard Butterfly Garden Kits to be sold at Earth Day.
- 4. The NWF Bus Tour Slide Show is still being worked on.
- 5. We greeted Susan Mlynarczyk a potential new CCE Member.
- 6. Ram Kurapati had to resign due to work conflicts.
- 7. Terry Grogan was officially made a CCE Member Emeritus by the City Council.
- 8. Highcroft Ridge Elementary School was in Washington D.C. to receive their National Board of Education's Green Ribbon School Award.

Republic: YW 616.0 yds.; R 383.88 T.; T 1016.02 T. Royal Oak: 5.38 T.

II. Approval of August 22, 2019, Meeting Results

Minutes approved, motioned by Laura Houck, Donna 2nd, all approved

III. Events

- A. 8/22/19 After-last-meeting: Events Work Group – C/M/A Recycles on 11/2 (JT)
- B. 9/4/19 BPG Challenge Honoree, Rutvick Budoor. Mayor Nation presented Rutvick with a framed certificate. His parents and grandparents were there along with most CCE members. Tom McCarthy has received a new BPGC application from an 11-year-old 5th grader. City Council said that we can no longer honor our recipients at Council. Tom suggested Earth Day. Donna suggested at our Quarterly Educational Presentations. They could be presented each quarter if there are any honorees. There will still be a framed certificate from the mayor.
- C. YMCA Ed. Tabletops: Well received. We ran out of many flyers.
- D. 10/5/19 - 8 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. YMCA
- E. 10/10/19 - 10/24/2019 Library Ed. Table
- F. 10/19/19 Faust Park IBH eradication – Dir. McCarthy report: 9-1:00. Lunch served. Dir. Francis will help coordinate. JT reported that the chemical needs to be applied immediately or it won't work. Also, it should be brushed on, not sprayed.
- G. 11/2/19 23rd C/M/A Recycles 9 a.m. – NOON – Dir. McCarthy report: 8:30. Kari will tell volunteers where their station is. Lunch will be provided for volunteers (not vendors).
- H. 1/21/20 First Quarterly Conservation Seminar: Republic, Joell Aguirre, "Recycling" Joell picked the date. Time TBD. Donna asked that she talk about where the recyclables go, what becomes of the items collected. Tom will manage the RSVP's throughout the year to assure attendance and a 'drop dead' date.
- I. Spring 2020 IBH Eradication at Amphitheater/Central Park:
- J. 29th Annual Chesterfield Earth Day/50th Earth Day BD – 4/25/20: We need to come up with new ideas from Working Group, as nearly every community now has an Earth Day celebration and attendance is going down.

IV. Action Items

A. Compost Slides/video on City's website? – Dir. McCarthy said the slides are on website and can be found under Government – CCE - left side - Adult and youth slideshow

B. Compost Grant – update – Shenandoah - Darcy; Kehrs Mill – Laura: Darcy and Laura did not hear back from either school. We are done with this grant, received check, there are still 45 compost units left.

C. End of Year Report 2018 – Dir. McCarthy said that it is STILL IN PROCESS!

D. NWF Slide Show; CCE presents with tables. Establish dates/times. – Darcy said it must be on a Tuesday, from 7:00 – 8:00. JT suggested we contact Terry G about Boy Scouts; Tom suggested Honor Society students and those who need service hours and credits.

E. Vote on Seminars: 1/21/20 Recycling; 4/20 NWF Slide Show “Gardening for Wildlife”; 7/2020 Bob Lee Monarch/Pollinator Network; 10/20 Brandon Butler Roeslein Alt. Energy. – Darcy

F. 150 Charity-Share bags are in for 11/2/19. Darcy reported that 50 more bags will be delivered.

G. Flyers: Signature Gardens on hold until Oct., 4 P's (Pollinators, Plants, People & Produce) Make Chesterfield a Better Place -Darcy suggested corrections on 4 P's Flyer.

Darcy; International Earth Hour, Plastic Bags, debris/decomp 'piece' – Su: Discussion about plastic bags and why NOT to use them. Working Group needs to work on this.

H. Earth Day Trees – Jeanne C: We got all but one, the White Flowering Dogwood, State Tree. We ordered either 25 or 10 of each tree that was ordered.

I. Quarterly City Newsletter Articles – Darcy: 64/65 Green Team, BPGC, YMCA Butterfly Garden, IBH Faust Park, Chesterfield only NWF certified Community Wildlife Habitat in our state, Schedule for Ed. Tabletops, Earth Day 50th info.

J. Event/Volunteer sign-up GRID review – Su Oct. 5th: 5 signed up (family of 6) and 5 from YMCA and Butterfly House), Recycles Day 11,

K. Boy Scout Troop #803 for 11/2 Event – Darcy No report

L. Better Backyard Butterfly Garden Kits – Darcy. {4 native flora, 1 Butterfly House, 1 Pfizer} There will be 20 kits and each will sell for \$20

V. Unfinished Business/Items not addressed/follow-ups – Jeanne T:

VI. Working Groups Reports

*Garden – Laura. {JC, Darcy}

*MFDU (Multi Family Dwelling Units)– Oct. {Lois, JT, Donna}

*Events/Recycle - Jeanne T. (8/22/19 meeting). Release Forms. Volunteers. Bags. {Su, Donna}: Nothing decided. 5 GS will work. Frustration on how working groups should be used and what their purpose is. No one wants tons of emails to go thru about the various meetings and working groups. Su will start a working group about plastic bags vs. cloth bags.

*Compost – 2 Schools – Laura, Darcy: No interest expressed by either school.

*Community Ed. Connection/ ed. Table at Library – Donna, Jeanne C., Su; YMCA 10/5 - Darcy

*IBH – Oct. 19, Spring 2020 - Jeanne T

*NWF – 10/8/19 next telecon., Conway Cemetery & RR Park, Pfizer, Highcroft Ridge El. School – Darcy – 3 groups: planting, weeding and rock painting.

{Utilities and Computer not activated.} Tom went to RR Park. All plants died. Floods and rains killed about 130 plants.

VII. New Business – Members asked to bring calendars and extra, reusable bags for Paul T./Friendship Village – Darcy. Tom suggested to make the December meeting a party and not a working meeting. Invite all past members. We decided to continue to List Events. Maybe not Action Items since they are duplicated.

VIII. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 7:20.

Next Meeting: October 24, 2019, 6:00 p.m., City Hall

The Chesterfield Citizens Committee for the Environment 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.