

MEETING MINUTES
Chesterfield Citizens Committee for the Environment
September 25, 2014, 6:30 p.m.
City Hall, Rooms #101/2

Committee Attendees: Darcy Capstick, Donna Pecherski, Terry Grogan, Polly Rutherford, Jeanne Tevlin, Ken Denson, Ben Keathley

Committee Absentees: Jeanne Clauson, Jeff Chapple, Su Ghosh, Bob Ernst, Patty Wiggins

Liaison Attendees: Libbey Tucker, James Mello, Council Member Bruce DeGroot

Visitors: Tony Lamantia, Republic Waste

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

I. Call to Order/Agenda.

- A. Attendance/Absences/Notices: New City Councilmember Liaison: Bruce DeGroot. New Members Call: W1 needs 1, 2 needs 2, 3 full, 4 needs 1; all can use an 'at large.'
- B. E-Reports: 8/28/14 Minutes, *A/W Republic*, *Abi/Bow* (8/14- 17.939 tons); *DRAFT 18th Chesterfield/Missouri/America Recycles Event flyer/Layout Guide*; 10/18/14 Sign-Up Sheet; *Business Energy*, "Energy Efficiencies Cost Utilities Two to Three Times Less Than Traditional Sources," p. 44, 7, 8/14; *Audubon*, "The Audubon Report: A Gathering Storm for North American Birds," pp. 24 – 32, 8, 9/14.
- C. Laptop Viewing as necessary. *Handouts: 10 Recycle Reasons/20 Ways to Save Energy AND All-in-One Recycling Flyer.*

II. "Sustainability by Design" Projects.

- A. Partner: Paul Wight, Remains, Inc. - - updating textiles recycling...part of our "Strive for 75%,"etc. (10 min.) ***Mr. Wight had last minute issues and was unable to attend. Will E-mail new recycling guidelines, which will include hardback books.***
- B. Update on Parks & Rec Citizens Advisory Council meeting of 9/13/14 – Darcy.
 - 1. Friends of Chesterfield Parks flyers. ***River's Edge area opening in Central Park in May 2015. Solicited feedback from the committee for any parks and trails issues. None were reported.***
- C. Follow-up 1st Annual FNG Grow-Off – Darcy.
 - 1. Review Talking Points ***Will follow up with residents who signed up.***
- D. Update on Charity Sharity Blankets and Comfort Bears – Darcy, Libbey.
 - 1. 80+ Bears; Grandma Comfort Bear's total: 740! ***Following up with partners for their requirements for distribution.***
 - 2. ***Dr. Clarice Hutchins will take materials to Peru.***
 - 3. ***Meredith McMIndes Girl Scout Troup will make award ribbons for Earth Day youth science exhibition.***
- E. Brochures
 - 1. "Without Plants, We're TOAST" from Barry Commoner, via Carl Sagan to Neil D. Tyson/update – Darcy, Bob. ***Document is being developed for distributing.***
 - 2. Chesterfield What & Where to Recycle finalized – Donna & Team. ***Final copy now available.***
- F. NWF – Darcy.
 - 1. Recap of The NWF Event of 9/24 - Darcy/Libbey ***Very successful event showing off the wildlife habitats around Chesterfield. The new NWF President and the new CFM Executive Director jointly proclaimed Chesterfield as an exemplary conservation model. Butterfly milkweeds were planted by officials from Chesterfield, NWF, CFM, and BiodiverCity St. Louis/Botanical Gardens.***
 - 2. Clean up of "Grow Native" Demo. Garden at Faust Park – Saturday, Oct. 18, 9 – 1 PM. sign-up sheet. ***Looking for Scouts and other volunteers (signup sheet).***

3. Chesterfield El. School update: carousel, milkweed seeds collections, etc. – Jeanne T. ***Requested from Chesterfield Elementary their calendar of events seeking Committee participation.***
- G. 18th America/Missouri/Chesterfield Recycles Event, Sat., Nov. 8, 9 AM – 1 PM: Celebrating the 5Rs & 4Ps! – Darcy, Libbey, James.
 1. 5Rs – re/ecycle drive-thru in parking lot, Central Park Pool Area.
 - a. Flyers & Layout finalized - James.
 - b. Buying Recycled Means Closing the Loop (5Rs) Brochure. ***Updated copies are now available for distribution.***
 2. Milkweed Seed Giveaway
 - a. Purchase of *A. incarnata* seeds and bags/bagging plan – Jeanne C., Donna P., Bob E. ***200+ bags have been purchased; volunteers will bag ahead of event.***
 - b. Monarch Milkweed Scroll/Sign up & Zip Code check list ***Applies to those who take seeds at the event.***
 - c. Girl Scout Volunteers: Troops: 1668, 2534, and 4500 - approx. 26 + 8 adults;
 3. BiodiverseCity St. Louis participation/banner ***Representatives will be present at event.***
- H. October is Energy Awareness Month
 1. Tabletop up 10/6; down 10/20 – Donna/Team. Use of MORA Banners ***Also looking to publicize Strive for 75% Diversion (from waste stream).***
 2. Energy Partners/handouts/final report – Bob.
- I. Rebuilding our “Tree Wall:” Millennium Green Partner Projects – Libbey. ***Will freshen up the display***
- J. BiodiverseCity St. Louis update – Bob E. ***No report***
- K. Other. ***1) Republic Waste distributed new All-In-One Recycling brochure, a copy of which the Committee unanimously requested be included in the next Chesterfield quarterly newsletter, along with an associated article. 2) Polly Rutherford agreed to coordinate the December meeting’s light holiday supper.***

III. Calendar:

- A. *Sat., Oct. 18, Faust Park/Grow Native! Demo. Garden – Sign-up Sheet, 9 AM – 1 PM
- B. *Sat. Nov. 8 - 18th America/MO/Chesterfield Recycles Event – Celebrating the 5Rs & 4Ps, Central Park/Pool/Pavilion Drive-Thru, 9 – 1 PM.
- C. * Nov 20 & Dec 18 meetings on THIRD THURSDAY. *Dec. Light/Green Holiday Supper

- IV. Next Meeting: October 23, 2014, 6:30 P.M., City Hall – Rms. # 101/2. Guest Presenter: Ms. Sheila Voss, V. P. Education/MO Botanical Garden/BiodiverseCity St. Louis. Overview and request.