

MEETING MINUTES
Chesterfield Citizens Committee for the Environment
September 22, 2016, 6:30 p.m.
City Hall, Rooms #102-3

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

I. Call to Order/Agenda/Notices.

- A. Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM
- B. Notices: City Arborist Mindy Mohrman is leaving the city on Oct. 7.
- C. Present: Darcy Capstick, Paul Travers, Bob Ernst, Su Ghosh, Laura Houck, Donna Pecherski, Jeanne Clauson, Polly Rutherford, Ben Keathley
- D. Absent: Jim Brown, Terry Grogan, Jeanne Tevlin
- E. City Staff Liaison Present: James Mello
- F. City Staff Liaison Absent: Libbey Tucker
- G. City Council Liaison Present: Guy Tilman
- H. Others Present: Gupta family

II. Introduction: New City Council Liaison Guy Tilman. Review Sign-Up Sheets: NEW for Nov. 5, 2016; 10/22/16 Invasive Bush Honeysuckle eradication @ Faust Park, 8:45 AM – 1:00 PM, lunch provided; 10/12/16 YMCA, 6:30 – 7:30 PM for Pollinators Program in theater (free) with CCE tabletop & giveaways for children; 10/15/16 behind YMCA, 9 - NOON to help plant native flora for butterflies garden.

III. PORTAL: 8/25/16 minutes, Republic & USAgain year-to-date; Royal Oak Recycling (8/16 - 12.079 tons); 20th Chesterfield/Missouri/America Recycles Flyer; IBH Brochure; NWF Application for Amphitheater Area/Pollinator Garden; NWF Approval Report on the website; *Conservation Federation*, 9/16, CLC Application for young adults, "Help Create Wildlife Habitat," "Leave the Leaves"; *Missouri Conservationist*, 9/16, "Swamp Milkweed"; CFM 'Springboard' Write-Up on Fresh Water/tributaries to MO River to help CLC youth make action-oriented conservation decisions through DOC and DNR; Bear/Blanket Matrix Updated; Demo. Garden Make-Over Gif, first of four gardens; KAB duplex flyer; BRMCTL Brochure; *Resource Recycling*, 9/16, "Noting What's NOT RECOVERED," p. 16 +. Letter from Laura Mueller, Crisis Nursery, was read by Laura Houck concerning their receipt and use of bears and blankets.

IV. "Sustainability by Design" Projects.

A. Inaugural "Blue Planet's GREEN Challenge" Honoree and Family: Mr. Anusurya Gupta – Bob, Darcy, Su

- 1. Award Certificate Presentation – Bob; overview – Darcy.
- 2. Further Challenges: 10/12, 15, 22/16 and/or 11/5/16 – Su, Darcy.
- 3. A short reception was held in Anusurya's honor complete with CCE cookies.

B. PRESENTER: Ms. Christie Cunningham, DJM Ecological Services/Pure Air Natives was scheduled to provide an overview and native seeds for YMCA tabletop but could not attend due to heavy rains. She had dropped off native wildflower seeds for pollinator packets.

C. October Review – Donna, Jeanne C., Bob, Darcy.

- 1. Week of Oct. 10 (UP) – 14 (DOWN). Tabletop/same YMCA location, sustainable gardening theme + BiAnnual Grow Off Aps. 100 NWF Butterfly Heroes Kits to be given to children, esp. at program. DJM/Pure Air Natives will be donating packaged native flora seeds for pollinators. Greenscape

Gardens donating native flora for a 'Pollinators' Buffet' garden especially for butterflies. Some BPGChallenge both E and S editions, please. Need one list from Darcy for James.

2. Missouri Wildflowers Pussytoes (seeds) and Calamint Plants; Jeanne C. update.
3. Wed., Oct. 12, 6:30 P.M. – 7:30 PM FREE Pollinators Program @ YMCA's Theater; invite everyone/network. Flyer on Portal; Chris Hartley will be the presenter.
4. Sat., Oct. 15, planting native flora for butterflies/pollinators @ YMCA, back side of building. Bring tools if you attend.
5. Garden to be NWF Certified; asked Executive Director to present to us, and we will submit.
6. Advised by Sachs Library that they needed another NWF Application; sent to them.
7. **Oct. 22 IBH eradication @ Faust Park** will be conducted under direction of Director Francis in our tallgrass prairie and the Park's southern margins.

D. NWF – Darcy, Bob, James, Libbey.

1. Fiscal Report Approved is on our portal; will receive NEW CERTIFIED outdoor sign free soon. NWF Certification now in 12th year. Congrats!
2. Filed NWF Application for Certification of Amphitheater/Pollinator native flora – filed and approved! Need to spend about \$20 for sign; passed unanimously. Will receive Certification Materials soon. Post Certificate – where? Like MGH Grove? VOTE passed without objection.
3. Next NWF Telephone Conference 10/11/16.
4. CFM parks, soils & water information cards.
5. CLC/CFM Writing for youth considerations.

E. Upcycling Recycling in Chesterfield Parks – potential Grant Opportunity for sustainable materials management - Everyone.

1. Update summation of 'where we're at' – Bob. Review materials in terms of a third bid.
2. Jeanne T's Update on 'Coaching the Coaches' about CVAC Recycling.
3. Next steps for Grant Opportunity – Bob. Grant would fund a pilot project in Amphitheater administered by the Parks Department. Su said that we need as a committee to review the draft grant application in plenty of time prior to submittal to the city for its review.
4. Requesting the PRR (percent recoverables remaining) from Republic in order to reflect the success of getting items that are divertible out of the trash stream relative to the stream the generators (we) are facing. There is value to what is being lost/buried. But the amount of solid waste cannot be measured other than per truck load.

F. PRACAC 9/10/16 – Darcy.

1. Update. Taste of St. Louis was well attended despite being closed on Friday due to heavy rain. Damaged lawn areas will be replaced by the event and not by the city.
2. Farmers' Market ad hoc sub-committee Cindy Lau will lead that effort; Laura Houck will also be involved from CCE.

G. Bears/Blankets update/matrix – Libbey.

1. Deliveries: Donna and Jeanne C. made special deliveries. James will check on blankets.
2. Eight bags of 20/bags delivered to City Hall!
3. Other needs?

H. **Invasive Bush Honeysuckle Eradication Brochure Motion Follow Up:** to email the IBH Eradication Brochure from MBGarden to Subdivision Trustees for their information and use in the community. James told CCE that Libbey has that access and he does not. The eradication program helps to improve the health of our habitat. The brochures were distributed through city council members.

I. **20th Chesterfield/MO/America Recycles Event, Sat., Nov. 5, 2016** – Libbey, James, Darcy.

1. Review Event and KAB Flyers are available to CCE members and others. 314 bags to stuff; should we include those flyers? NO. We should meet around noon at City Hall on Wednesday Oct. 26 to stuff bags.
2. ALL Re/e-cyclers coming update.
3. Reusable Bags being delivered to City Hall; about 314 Bags.

J. **Missouri's Champion Trees/Horsechestnut update** – Paul, Bob. Still being pursued through Jesse Francis and County Parks Dept.

K. **Community Conservation Optics – Su, Darcy.** Su did not have a chance to talk to Libbey.

L. **Other.**

For 2017 TO Be done: “Quality Life Support Systems from our Natural World,” and updating ‘Plastic Bags?’ – Su. Family Green Initiatives Brochure – (2017) - Bob; {**DONE:** Plastic Bags?, Backyard Compost, Water – A Most Precious Resource, Help Save Monarch Butterflies; International Earth Hour; Without Plants, We’re Toast; All in One Recycling/The Household Challenge final numbers from Steve Heering; Stellar Green Youth Team Application; Blue Planet’s GREEN Challenge-E. and S; Chesterfield What & Where to Recycle; Buying Recycled Means Closing the Loop; 2016 Earth Day Tree Guide}.

V. Calendar: *October 10 YMCA Tabletop UP; Oct. 14 down “sustainable gardening/pollinators” tabletop @ YMCA; distribute NWF Butterfly Heroes Kits, seeds, BiAnnual Grow Off Aps., etc. *W. Oct. 12, 6:30 PM at Y Theater/Pollinators Program and CCE helping with giveaways at tabletop. *Sat., Oct. 15, planting native flora for butterflies garden, back of YMCA, 9 AM - NOON. *Oct. 22, 2016 – IBH eradication at Faust Park/NWF Anchor Project, etc., 8:45 AM – 1 PM. *20th Chesterfield/MO/America Recycles Event, Sat., Nov. 5, 2016. *26th Annual Chesterfield Earth Day, Sat., April 29, 2017.

VI. Meeting adjourned at 7:41 PM.

VII. **Next Meeting:** October 27, 2016, 6:30 P.M., City Hall – Rooms #102-3.