

MEETING MINUTES
Chesterfield Citizens Committee for the Environment
August 25, 2016, 6:33 p.m.
City Hall, Rooms #102-3

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

I. Call to Order/Agenda/Notices.

A. Attendance/Absences/Notices.

1. Present: Darcy Capstick, Paul Travers, Bob Ernst, Donna Pecherski, Jeanne Tevlin, Laura Houck, Terry Grogan, Jeanne Clauson, Polly Rutherford
City Liaison Present: Libbey Tucker, James Mello
Others: Stephen Herring, Republic Services Rep.
2. Absent: Ben Keathley, Su Ghosh, Jim Brown
Absent: City Council Liaison Bridget Nations
3. Notices: Donna renewed her membership in CCE; Patty Wiggins is ill with Stage IV cancer and is living in Boston with her daughter and has withdrawn from CCE; Darcy passed around the CCE sign-up sheet for further member events; gift garden at Butterfly House: a complete make-over with a pathway and extensive native planting list, provided by Butterfly House man-power to do the renovation with necessary machines/equipment, one of four grow native demo gardens in our state, it will be maintained in perpetuity by Butterfly House. See if we can get another certified school-yard habitat garden sign with proper verbiage. Unanimous acceptance.

- B. Review Sign-Up Sheets:** 9/19/16, City Council, 6:30 – Two Honorees; 10/22/16 Invasive Bush Honeysuckle Eradication @ Faust Park, 8:45 AM – 1 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. After Meeting: Pollinator Friends Cookies to Celebrate our BEST EVER NWF Annual Report Matrix and to thank Jeanne T for Recycling Pep Talk ‘Coaching CVAC Coaches’!

II. PORTAL: 7/28/16 minutes, Republic & USAgain year-to-date; USAgain Post Card Announcement; Royal Oak Recycling (7/16- 4.327 tons); 20th Chesterfield-Missouri/America Recycles Flyer; Invasive Bush Honeysuckle Brochure; Upcycling-Recycling in Chesterfield’s Parks – Interviewed Cities Recapitulation; NWF National Telephone Conference Call Notes from 8/19/16; Blue Planet’s GREEN Challenge Certificate DRAFT; “Tesla to Open Chesterfield Store,” *SLPD*, 8/13/16, p. A7; “Don’t Forget to Feed the Butterflies,” *Garden Gate*, 10/16, p. 6+; “Guide to Resale Shops in the St. Louis Area,” *The Healthy Planet*, 8/16, p. 8+; “Recycled Products,” *Resource Recycling*, 7/16, p. 70+; “Sustainable Materials Management, and Shifts at the Local Level” Fig. 2, *Resource Recycling*, 8/16, p. 25+.

III. “Sustainability by Design” Projects.

- A. Presenter:** Stephen Herring, Republic Services Representative, updates and recommendations for ‘All-in-One’ Recycling Units for Parks Grant opportunity. (15

min.). Reported on the household challenge: 2292 recycled tons in first 6 months of 2015; in first six months of 2016 is 2390 tons; a 15.5 lbs. per household increase in six months. Found several recycle containers we might want to use. Contamination is a prob, especially rain infiltration. Design is a flaw. Cost is a big factor. Operations is also an issue.

B. Traveling Education Tabletop/pollinator diversity updates – 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 to us for this tabletop at our next meeting. Greenscape Gardens donating native flora for a 'Pollinators' Buffet' garden especially for butterflies. Some BPGChallenge both E and S editions, please.
2. Missouri Wildflowers helping with Pussytoes (seeds) and Calamint Plants; Jeanne C. needs reimbursement but declined it.
3. Wed., Oct. 12, 6:30 P.M. – 7:30 PM FREE Pollinators Program @ YMCA's Theater; invite everyone/network. Flyer TBA; Chris H. Presenter and developer of flyer and pollinator garden layout with all partners; committee approved them both. Bob will give James Mello Sophie Wright, the Miss Outstanding Teen Chesterfield Valley's Challenge Bi-Annual Grow-Off application.
4. Sat., Oct. 15, planting native flora for butterflies/pollinators @ YMCA, back side.
5. Garden to be NWF Certified; asked Executive Director to present to us, and we will submit. CCE voted to award Green Grant of \$20.
6. Advised by Sachs Library that their NWF Application will be in very soon if not already.
7. Interviewed Director McCarthy for the native area for Monarchs and pollinators at Amphitheater; we had voted for Green Grant; everything has been completed.

B. NWF – Darcy, Bob, James, Libbey.

1. View NWF Children's Butterfly/pollinator Kits.
2. Native butterfly 'public' garden sites to be certified: three new gardens as outlined (YMCA, Library, and Amphitheater Area - City Property).
3. Annual Report to be reviewed by NWF; will receive NEW CERTIFIED outdoor sign for free.
4. National Call Notes from 8/9/16; new mission statement: Uniting All Americans to ensure wildlife thrive in a rapidly changing world; certifying a school is now free; Mayors Monarch Pledge is now 181 strong; next national NWF Telephone Conference 10/11/16.

C. Recycling Brainstorm – potential Grant Opportunity - Everyone.

1. Review summary of cities contacted – Bob. Jeanne C. asked if Styrofoam cups and containers can be banned from city-sponsored events at Central Park? Libbey will check.
2. Jeanne T's Update on 'Coaching the Coaches' about CVAC Recycling.

3. Will schedule another meet/confer with Director McCarthy, et. al.
- D. **Blue Planet's GREEN Challenge – Secondary School honoree** – Su, Darcy, Libbey.
1. September 22, 2016, meeting we will honor child and family. Maybe we can bring cookies; Libbey said she would get them.
 2. James showed CCE the Certificate to be presented.
 3. Ask about Oct. 12 if Honoree wants to help network or challenge; AND ask if Honoree wants to help plant on 10/15???
- E. **PRACAC 8/13/16** – Darcy.
1. Update.
 2. Interviewed Dir. McCarthy 8/17/16 for Monarch Watch Amphitheater Area. To be filed with NWF.
- F. **Bears/Blankets update/matrix** – Donna, Darcy, James, Libbey.
1. Needs? St. Lukes will be called by Donna. More bags will be coming in. Check Wings of Hope to see if they need any.
- G. **Invasive Bush Honeysuckle Eradication, Sat., Oct. 22** – Terry, Jeanne C., Bob, Darcy, Libbey.
1. Faust Park, 8:45 AM, Grow Native Demo. Garden, NWF Anchor Project.
 2. Dir. Francis will indicate other areas.
 3. Horticulturist Lisa Williams/Butterfly House coordinated with CCE 8/19/16 to improve our Grow Native! Demo. Garden. Reviewed the gift garden.
 4. Volunteers: Diane Droege Girl Scout Troop #1668, Kim Montgomery Girl Scout Troop #1050, Terry G./Tom O. New Horizon Boy Scouts.
 5. Release Forms – Libbey will get release forms to appropriate volunteers.
 6. **Motion:** please email the IBH Eradication Brochure from Missouri Botanical Garden to subdivision trustees for their information and use in the community. Helps to improve the health of our habitat. CCE voted to send it out to trustees. Libbey will check with city.
- H. **20th Chesterfield/MO/America Recycles Event, Sat., Nov. 5, 2016** – Libbey, James, Darcy.
1. Review Flyer.
 2. ALL Re/ecyclers coming?
 3. Reusable Bags start coming in October to City Hall; is there a Bag Count? We will have over 300 for recycle day to every car and vendors. Approx.. 190.
- I. **Missouri's Champion Trees/Horsechestnut update** – Paul, Bob. Haven't talked to Jesse Francis yet but will.
- J. **City Council Meeting M., 9/19/16, 6:30 PM arrival time** - Libbey, James, Bob, Darcy.
1. Green Teaming #60
 2. TREED Partnering #19
 3. Mary Tuttle is donating two 'native flora' bouquets; yes, Libbey will pick up.

- K. **Follow-up on Motions:** posting Girl Scout Troop 2534's City Contributions & the monarch banners to accompany those the city already has. Libbey said we can trade out space if we like but not add anything since space at City Hall is limited.
- L. **Other.** Celebrating our best NWF fiscal year report to date and Jeanne T's presentation to CVAC Coaches!!!

2016 Flyers Updating Recap: TO Be Done: "Quality Life Support Systems from our Natural World," and updating 'Plastic Bags?' for 2017. 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; Stellar Green Youth Team Application; Blue Planet's GREEN Challenge-E. and S; Chesterfield What and Where to Recycle; Buying Recycled Means Closing the Loop; 2016 Earth Day Tree Guide.}.

- IV. **Calendar:** *Sept. 19, 2016, City Council, 6:30 PM, to host our 2 honorees. *October 10 YMCA Tabletop UP; Oct. 14 down "sustainable gardening/pollinators" tabletop @ YMCA; distribute NWF Butterfly Heroes Kits. *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 butterfly garden, back of YMCA, 9 AM - NOON. Oct. 22 IBH eradication at Faust Park. *20th Chesterfield/MO/America Recycles Event, Sat., Nov. 5, 2016. *26th Annual Chesterfield Earth Day, Sat., April 29, 2017.
- V. **Next Meeting:** September 22, 2016, 6:30 P.M., City Hall – Rooms #102-3. Ms. Christy Cunningham, of DJM/Pure Air Natives, presenter. Adjourned at 7:55 PM.