



MINUTES
Chesterfield Citizens Committee for the Environment
August 23, 2018, 6:15 p.m.
City Hall - 690 Chesterfield Parkway West - Room 102-103



Mission Statement: Conservation of native, natural, and energy resources education

I. Call to order - 6:16 pm - Attendance sheet.

A. Present: Paul Travers, Ian Wrobel, Donna Pecheski, Jeanne Clauson, Su Ghosh, Jeanne Tevlin, Ram Kurapati, Lois Ballance, Andrea Rand, Laura Houck

B. City's Rep's present: Mary Klauke, Kari Johnson

C. Absent: Polly Rutherford, Darcy Capstick, Terry Grogan, Gary Sriperumbudoor, Tom McCarthy

II. Approval of July 26, 2018 minutes

A. One correction to the minutes - Sec. 10 in reference to the table top dates - Darcy was called and not Jeanne Clauson.

B. Donna Pecheski moved to approve the minutes as amended and Laura Houck seconded.

C. A voice vote was taken and passed unanimously.

III. Signature Garden Program

It was decided at the July 26 meeting to cancel this program and since then, applicant(s) have been notified and all reference to it has been removed from the city's website.

IV. St. Louis County Health Department 2019 Grants

A. The grant has been approved, and we are waiting for the County to "sign off."

B. Reviewed what the grant will provide:

1. 220 compost bins to be sold for \$25.00 each to residents, and 20 bins are slated to go to schools.

2. City Hall has already received quite a few calls from residents interested in this program.

3. Recycling bins will be placed in the F Quad at the CVAV.

C. CCE members automatically on list to receive compost bin, no need to register.

D. Andrea Rand volunteered to create a lesson plan for schools receiving a compost bin and work with schools for the education part of the grant.

E. Su asked Donna and Jeanne C to review the composting brochure, Building the Compost Pile Recycling and to send her the updates and she will update the brochure.

F. There was a discussion about the possibility of "jump starting" the recycling process at the CVAC by repurposing trash cans to recycle bins. But it was indicated that there just are not enough cans for this to work.

V. Park Master Plan Survey at the CVAC Update

- A.** 1200 surveys have been completed to date. Which is considered a very good response.
- B.** Current survey will end August 31, 2018.
- C.** Next step - a statistical survey beginning in September.

VI. NWF Application - Recertified 14 years confirmed

- A.** Certificate to be posted at City Hall and the Parks office.
- B.** Su brought up that the CCE needs to review the minutes from the NWF telecon because information regarding upcoming events, and required actions by CCE are discussed. She requested a copy of them because Darcy no longer has the password to access the minutes.
- C.** Next meeting - Tuesday 10/9 at 3pm

VII. Republic and Royal Oak Numbers

- A.** Need the numbers for July and August.
- B.** It was discussed that the monthly numbers used to be sent to Chesterfield automatically, and no longer are. Someone from Parks will check to see if that can happen again.
- C.** Donna suggested that we request a tour of Republic Services' recycling facility. Parks will look into it.

VIII. Charity Sharity bags for Recycles Day

- A.** 300 bags have been requested for Recycles Day.
- B.** Su forwarded CS a picture and dimensions of the size of bags we need - grocery size bags.
- C.** Small bags will not be accepted.
- D.** CS picked up the banners and will try to repurpose them into bags. YEAH!!!!
- E.** We currently have more than 300 bears.
- F.** The city has decided that we will discontinue being the "middle man" for Charity Sharity.

IX. Dates

Honeysuckle Removal Date - October 20, at Faust Park

1. Time TBD - need to check with Boy Scouts
2. Su will contact Girl Scouts.
3. Jeanne Tevlin gave Kari information about "root docking" the Honeysuckle plant for CCE to consider. This can be done instead of cutting and using herbicides. According to Jean Ponzi this approach has two benefits: 1. When the base of the honeysuckle is removed it will kill the plant and 2. No herbicides are required.

YMCA planting - the city will no longer support this.

Table Top Dates. Donna and Jeanne C
Library 9/10 - 9/21 YMCA 10/1 - 10/10

Council meeting date for Blue planet Green Challenge Award
10/15 - Jeanne Tevlin will present.

Council meeting date for Stellar Green Youth Team Award
11/5 - Jeanne Clauson will present

X. Old business

Su contacted the gentleman who was so helpful and knowledgeable about plants at ED, and asked him to join our committee. However, he is currently at the University of Chicago.

Su has written a proposal for Monsanto asking that:

1. If given a parcel of land would Monsanto grow milkweed and harvest the seedlings and seeds to be distributed by CCE
 2. If given a parcel of land would Monsanto plant and maintain a pollinator garden?
- Su is waiting for approval from Chesterfield.

XI. New Business

Jeanne Tevlin very quickly asked if anyone would be interested in working with the Parkway School district on marker recycling. Su requested the material so she can contact Claymont.

XII. Adjournment at 7:46 pm

Next Meeting: September 27, 2018, 6:15 p.m., City Hall