

MEETING MINUTES
Chesterfield Citizens Committee for the Environment
August 23, 2012, 6:30 p.m.
City Hall, Room # 102-3

Committee Attendees: Darcy Capstick, Scott Soucek, Donna Pecherski, Jeanne Tevlin

Committee Absentees: Jeanne Clauson, Debbie Harrison, Terry Grogan, Polly Rutherford, Jeff Chapple, Su Ghosh, Ken Denson

Liaison Attendees: Libbey Tucker, Kris Simpson

Visitors: Mitch Leachman, St. Louis Audubon Society, Coordinator for Bring Conservation Home, Meredith McMIndes, Co-leader Girl Scout Troop 2534.

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

I. Call to Order/Agenda – Darcy.

- A. **Sign-in Attendance.** *Handouts: 16th America/Missouri/Chesterfield Recycles Day Event Flyer; EDSET initial flyer, 2 sets of Judging Criteria & Youth Application. Sign-up sheet for 9/19 City Council/6:30 PM & Sat., 8/25 for Silver Award at Eberwein Park/10 AM. *Emailed: AbiBow Recycling (19.910 tons) & A/W Republic Volumes.
- B. **Approval of Minutes – Ken.** *June and July minutes still outstanding.*

II. “Sustainability by Design” Projects: Discussions/and-or Actions.

- A. **Presenters:** Mr. Mitch Leachman, Coordinator for *Bring Conservation Home*, St. Louis Audubon Society. (ap. 15 min.). Handouts. Invite to Earth Day. *Mr. Leachman is asking for the City’s/Committee’s support in spreading the word about the Bring Conservation Home project. The project gives, for a fee, site-specific advice for private homeowners for habitat restoration and certification. It addresses native and invasive plants, water conservation, and stewardship for the benefit of birds, wildlife, and people. At a minimum we will pursue adding the program information to the City’s website, as well as inviting St. Louis Audubon Society to Earth Day.*
- B. **Commercial Recycling Directory – Time to Update – Darcy.** *Darcy and Jeff will complete. Requests made be made of members to assist.*
- C. **Parks & Rec Advisory Committee Report of 8/11 meeting – Darcy.**
 - 1. 9/1 ‘Forks & Corks’ and recycling – Libbey. *The flyer including the entertainment agenda was presented.*
 - 2. Living Legacy Program-Pavers for Amphitheater/Eberwein Park. *We discussed the possibility of using the pavers as a gift to the City from the Committee for its 25th anniversary. Committee is to review brochures for further discussion.*
- D. **Girl Scout Troop 2534’s NWF Application for ‘Native Flora for Butterflies Garden’ – Certificate received. – Libbey, Polly, Darcy.**
 - 1. Sat., 8/25, in A.M. Silver Award Ceremony in Park. 10 AM. CoLeader Mrs. Meredith McMIndes’ Invitation. *The agenda for the event describing the activities accomplished was presented. Mrs. McMIndes delivered personal invitations to Committee members to attend.*
 - 2. Décor N More (solidify)- Butterfly Art Donation *We decided to go with traditional butterfly colors. Ms. Tucker will proceed with the arrangements.*

- E. USGBC Green Cities Input & ‘green initiatives’ on city website – Libbey, Darcy. *They will send an aggregate report to us with a link to their website.*
- F. October Energy Awareness Tabletop - 10/1 - 10/23 – Darcy. *The dates are OK. Donna, Jeanne C, Jeanne T, Polly, and Debbie will coordinate.*
- G. 16th America/Missouri/Chesterfield Recycles Day Event – Sat., Nov. 3, CVAC Maintenance Facility, North Lot, 9 AM - NOON – Libbey, Darcy.
 - 1. Flyer; distribution. Who/where? Easel at entry foyer. *Since the meeting, Libbey sent the updated flyer to the Committee. Committee members need to sign up for flyer distribution. We agreed to move forward with the giveaway items from America the Beautiful.*
 - 2. November tabletops: A/W Republic?, CCE, GS Troop #1668 + Cintas ‘trees saved’, GS Troop #2534 Recycled-content Fashion Show. *We will ask for three tables to go up 11/5 and come down 11/20. Bandana Barbeque and Armstrong Environment will help with loading and unloading.*
- H. Chesterfield’s 22nd Annual Earth Day Festival, Sat., April 27, 2013, Central City Park/Set-up 8 AM – 9 AM: Pavilion Parking Lot for RE-E-Cyclers – 9 AM – 2 PM; Amphitheater for Vendors and Staged Performances 9 AM – 2 PM. Everybody.
 - 1. EDSET Meeting 8/14 – Ken, Su, Donna, Darcy. *It was a good organizational meeting, with inputs given to Kris.*
 - 2. Public/Private Schools list – Jeanne T. *Jeanne T. compiled a list of the Chesterfield schools. Two of the three Rockwood elementary schools are not doing science projects this year. She will email the flyer to the schools and turn in a more complete list at our next meeting.*
 - 3. Judging Flyers. Kris, Darcy. *Since the meeting, Kris sent copies of the judging flyers, criteria, and the application to the Committee members.*
 - 4. Youth Application. Kris, Darcy. *See #3 above.*
 - 5. Vote to Approve Package & Process for release 9/30.
 - 6. Judges; do we need bio’s? CCE Brochure material. Darcy. *Good idea. Darcy will pursue.*
 - 7. Safety Town in parks, on streets and trails! + P & R with maps. – Libbey. *We will schedule this for a different event.*
 - 8. Continue turning in invitee/vendor contact info.
- I. Sustainable Gardening/Landscaping Flyer Practices update – Libbey. *Looks good; we will review and decide at a later date.*
- J. Chesterfield Signature Gardens review; standard process – Libbey, Darcy. *Current count is 13. As an alternative to following the standard documentation process, a National Wildlife Federation Certification can be attached for being granted the Signature Garden honor.*
- K. Chesterfield Good Neighbor Pledge Middle School Edition update – Su. *Will review at our next meeting. Copies were passed out for edits.*
- L. Other.

III. Calendar:

- A. Sat., August 25, 10 a.m. at Eberwein Park: GS Troop #2534’s Silver Award Ceremony
- B. September 10-12, Mo Recycling Assn. (MORA) Annual Conference-St. Louis
- C. September 19, 6:30 p.m. - City Council meeting to honoring Rose Family, Professional Doctors Bldg., Chesterfield Elementary School, and GS Troop

2534 for Sustainable Gardening/Landscaping Practices/NWF Certificates & Green Certificates for City (Cintas & Shred It).

D. Sat., Nov. 3, 9 A.M. – NOON, CVAC Maintenance Facility, North Lot - 16th America/Missouri/Chesterfield Recycles Day Event

IV. Next Meeting: September 27, 2012, 6:30 PM, City Hall – Room # 102-103.
{Presenter Ashley Behment, St. Louis Composting.}