

MEETING MINUTES
Chesterfield Citizens Committee for the Environment
August 22, 2013, 6:30 p.m.
City Hall, Rooms #101-2

Committee Attendees: Darcy Capstick, Bob Ernst, Patty Wiggins, Jeanne Clauson, Terry Grogan, Scott Soucek, Jeanne Tevlin, Ken Denson, Su Ghosh, Ben Keathley, Polly Rutherford

Committee Absentees: Jeff Chapple, Debbie Harrison, Donna Pecherski

Liaison Attendees: Libbey Tucker, Elliot Grissom, James Mello

Guest Speakers: Jamie Kelley and Olivia Engel, Green Dining Alliance

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

I. Call to Order/Agenda

A. **Attendance/Absences/Notices.**

B. **E-Reports:** 7/25/13 Minutes, A/W Republic, Abi/Bow (21.268 tons).

C. **Flyers to Review:** Energy Awareness Month, City's Green Initiatives Brochure. **DRAFTS:** 17th Annual America/Missouri/Chesterfield Recycles Event Sat., Nov. 9 flyer/Layout; *undergoing revisions: Help Chesterfield – 4 P's, Blue Planet's Green Challenge – secondary ed.*

II. "Sustainability by Design" Projects

A. **Presenter: Jaime Kelley, Green Dining Alliance Program Coordinator. Overview.** (15 - 20 min.) *The Green Dining Alliance is a third party, St. Louis focused, organization that offers certification of sustainability to restaurants. They are a program of St. Louis Earth Day. They work with restaurants to reduce adverse environmental impact and encourage diners to choose restaurants that share their values. They currently have 24 member restaurants and would like us to spread the word of their efforts throughout Chesterfield. We will invite them to our Earth Day festival in 2014.*

B. **BiodiverseCity St. Louis Write-Up & 8/29 Parks & Rec Council Committee Meeting/sign-up sheet** – Libbey, Bob, Darcy. *Bob and Darcy prepared the CCE write-up to be presented to the Parks and Recreation Subcommittee of City Council. CCE gave the direction to explain the purpose of the BiodiverseCity St. Louis project and to recommend that the City participate in the project. The write-up is part of the City's Due Process and was to be presented on 8/29; however, the P & R Subcommittee of City Council was cancelled due to not having a quorum. The replacement date for the next P & R Subcommittee of City Council will be confirmed by email and will ask CCE Members who can attend. All CCE Members received copies of the write-up for their files.*

C. **National Wildlife Federation (NWF) Half-Hour Transition Teleconference of 8/7** – Darcy. *Darcy summarized our events and activities with Eliza Russell, Director of Education. Ms. Russell mailed out educational materials for use on our tabletops and for Schoolyard Habitats. NWF will continue with their quarterly, national telephone conferences.*

D. **Care Bears update** – Libbey, Jeanne T., Darcy.

1. Wings of Hope: Bears and Blankets - - date/time/place. *Darcy will coordinate to set a date to present the blankets.*
2. Schools – Jeanne T. *With school just underway Jeanne T. will work with the schools after Labor Day.*
3. More Care Bears in approximately 1 month. *Darcy will check on smaller-sized blankets, too, so that the Bears and Blankets can be delivered together to Wings of Hope.*
- 4.

E. **CCE's Contest for Homeowners – for 2014 - Development Team Report:** Ben, Bob, Patty, Donna. *They will plan for an update at next month's meeting.*

1. Jeanne C's photos of 'The Roses' Garden.' *Donna P. will be using the photos to prepare a new Poster for the Contest and for CCE's general use.*
2. Name of Contest? Promotion plans?
3. Spring 2014 plant; Fall 2014 decision?
4. Buy NWF Certification outdoor sign for the winning home/lot/area (wall or ground mount).
5. NWF Certification + Signature Garden + The Landscape Challenge + 25th Anniversary Signature Garden Model Helps Pollinators = THIS 2014 Competition?

- F. **Update-Parks & Rec Citizens Advisory Committee (PRCAC) – 8/10 – Darcy.**
 - 1. Parks recycling update – James. *Darcy listed the five objectives of the Committee and upcoming future activities.*
- G. **17th America/Missouri/Chesterfield Recycles Day, Sat., Nov. 9, 2013, at Central Park/Pavilion Drive-Thru. 8-9 AM Set-Up. 9 AM – 1 PM.**
 - 1. NEW Guidelines now on city web site
 - 2. View Event DRAFT Flyer; review Partners. *WITS needs to be removed and replaced with the new e-cycler's logo.*
 - 3. Volunteer needs/defined placements-jobs - Libbey, Darcy. *Bandanas, Terry G. / Boy Scouts and the Girl Scouts will provide volunteers.*
 - 4. Signed-up with America Recycles Day? Giveaways? – James. *We are enrolled and everyone will review 'giveaways' on materials which James distributed. We will discuss further.*
- H. **4 P's Brochure drafting update – Bob E.** *Bob received input from one CCE member. Others are encouraged to provide constructive feedback. We will shoot for a 12/31/13 rollout.*
- I. **Updating Buying Recycled Means Closing the Loop Flyer– Jeanne C., Jeanne T., Donna P., Debbie H., Patty W.** *They plan to meet Tuesday night, August 27 to continue the effort; target completion is November 9 (Recycles Day).*
- J. **Final Drafting:** Your Blue Planet's GREEN Challenge – Secondary Edition update – Su, James. *There were a few suggested changes during the last month. Su will meet with Darcy for a final scrutiny before our next meeting.*
- K. **Art Décor's Butterflies in Eberwein Park – Libbey.** *The City is working on the mounting.*
- L. **SOLAR U – free education program for Subdivision Trustees/public/city hall/when/presenters – update – Bob, Darcy** *Bob suggested four suppliers that could present various information about solar energy from different perspectives. Our current thinking is to have a Solar Fair that includes trustees, residents, and businesses. We need to determine the date and duration, possibly 4 hours during the work week early next year.*
- M. **NWF Certifications:** Smoke House, checking Lion's Choice. Need CCE Lead for this process. – Jeanne C., Darcy. *Jeanne C. will take the CCE Lead and the Committee expressed its appreciation.*
- N. **Other.**

III. Calendar:

- A. October – Energy Awareness Month/Energy Star.
- B. Nov. 9, 2013 - 17th America/Missouri/Chesterfield Recycles Day, Parking Lot at Central Park. Lot Drive-Thru, 8-9 AM set-up; 9 AM – 1 PM.

IV. Next Meeting: September 26, 6:30 PM, City Hall – Room #101-2.