

MEETING MINUTES
Chesterfield Citizens Committee for the Environment
July 28, 2016, 6:31 p.m.
City Hall, Rooms #102-3

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

I. Call to Order/Agenda/Notices:

- A. Present: Darcy Capstick, Paul Travers, Jeanne Tevlin, Donna Pecherski, Terry Grogan, Su Ghosh, Polly Rutherford, Jeanne Clauson, Laura Houck
- B. Absent: Jim Brown, Ben Keithley, Patty Wiggins
- C. City Liaison Present: Libbey Tucker, James Mello
- D. City Council Liaison: None appointed yet.
- E. Jeff Chappel cannot renew as a member due to increased job commitments. Sign-Up Sheets: 9/19 is a tentative date, City Council, 6:30 PM to host two groups, Dr. Clarice Hutchins and Carole Splater Charity-Sharity; September 22 IBH 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) by Chris Hartley with CCE tabletop and giveaways for children; 10/15/16 behind YMCA, 9:00 to Noon to help plant native flora for butterflies garden with Chris Hartley, Boy Scouts, CCE, and other volunteers.

II. PORTAL: 6/23/16 minutes, Republic & USAgain year-to-date; Royal Oak Recycling (6/16- 7.091 tons, a slight decrease due to schools not in session); CCE articles for 9, 10, 11/16 city newsletter; *IBH Brochure*; Upcycling Recycling in Chesterfield's Parks meeting report 7/11/16; Thank You Letter/Photo to Greenscape Gardens/Missouri Prairie Foundation.; July 31, 2015 – July 31, 2016 fiscal year annual NWF Reporting Matrix {congrats to all especially to James and Libbey!!!}; *National Wildlife*, "Habitat Help in the Age of Zika," p. 18+, 8-9/16. Several other news items of environmental interest were presented by Darcy; Bee RNA studies, drop off recycle sites closing in California and Roeslein Alternative Energy, pig manure methane gas development.

III. "Sustainability by Design" Projects.

A. Presenter: Mr. Jerry Bartley, USAgain discussed updates with Committee. Jerry reported that the program for textile recycling; so far collected over the first reporting period 6,500 lbs., 6,511 lbs., 2481 lbs., 5000 lbs. collected for a total of 20,492 lbs. They are going to a quarterly pick-up program. Little citizen buy-in thus far in part due to competition from local NGOs/charities that are also collecting clothing. Base operation is to get textiles into thrift stores for reuse rather than use as insulation or rags. On average everyone throws away 64 lbs. of textiles annually. Goal is to capture at least a part of that stream.

B. Traveling Education Tabletop/pollinator diversity updates: Donna, Jeanne C., Bob, Darcy.

- 1. National Pollinators' Week @ YMCA report. Photos, children's newsletter, and further plans.
 - 1. Week of Oct. 10 to 14. Tabletop/same location, sustainable gardening theme + BiAnnual Grow Off Aps. 100 NWF Butterfly Heroes Kits to be given to children, esp. at program.
 - 2. Wed., Oct. 12, 6:30 P.M. – 7:30 PM FREE Pollinators Program @ Y's Theater; invite everyone. Flyer TBD soon; Chris Hartley developer with all partners.
 - 3. Sat., Oct. 15, planting native flora for butterflies/pollinators @ YMCA; participating CCE members should wear their green shirts and bring proper gardening tools.
 - 4. October is energy awareness month and CCE will have information available.
- 2. 64 native flora supportive of pollinators given away; thank you letter.

B. NWF Report: Darcy, Bob, James, Libbey.

- 1. CFM July, 2016, Magazine handouts featuring CCE two times; 100th Anniversary of our National AND State Parks edition!

2. Native butterfly garden site: YMCA, Sat. Oct. 15, 9 AM - Noon.
 3. Annual Report review. To receive NEW CERTIFIED outdoor sign free. James showed the electronic spreadsheet that showed all the points we collected in the process.
 4. Next national NWF Telephone Conference will be held on 8/9/16 at 3 P.M. if anyone wants to participate.
- C. **Recycling Brainstorm** – potential Grant Opportunity: Everyone.
1. Review meet/confer of 7/11: Bob, Darcy, Libbey. Bob reported on the meeting results. Proposed recycling containers for the pilot program should have standard units in terms of color, size, shape, materials, and signage; be cost effective, use professional, highly visible graphics; and be all-in-one. Bob will continue contacting area city parks and rec depts. to determine how they handle recycling collection in their parks and will prepare a brief report and submit to Libbey, Tom McCarthy, and CCE.
 2. Benevolence update: Libbey.
- D. **Blue Planet's GREEN Challenge–Secondary School honoree:** Su, Darcy, Libbey.
1. When to honor child and family? Young man is entering middle school in Parkway District. He is very interested in continuing Green Challenge effort. This is our inaugural award so how and when and where do we honor him? Consensus of committee is here at CCE meeting is best. We can do it in September or October. James will contact family and ask for best time for them.
- E. **PRACAC 7/9/16** – Darcy. Met at Railroad Park; may expand that park with 17 additional acres. Beautiful natural area alive with mosquitoes, chiggers, and ticks so be prepared. Parks want to start a program to help family in Chesterfield that needs assistance. We might be able to cooperate with them and that effort. Visitor during tour was Ben Keithley's father.
- F. **Bears/Blankets update/matrix:** Donna, Darcy, Su, Libbey.
1. NEW for Earth Day 2017 project. Sleeves to be hung in kitchens made by Charity-Sharity.
 2. 20 new Blankets and 80 bears in July.
- G. **IBHoneysuckle Eradication, Sat., Oct. 22:** Terry, Darcy.
1. Faust Park, 8:45 AM, Grow Native Demo. Garden, NWF Anchor Project. Jeanne C. reported that the chemical Tordon was used at her church on IBH instead of Roundup and worked very well. Adult should do the application.
 2. Dir. Francis will indicate other areas that may need eradication efforts.
 3. Horticulturist Lisa Williams/Butterfly House will coordinate with CCE for a get-together to improve our Grow Native! Demo Garden too; will help!!! (hoorah). Meet there early August TBA. Call for other volunteers.
 4. Chesterfield Park/Eberwein shows initial Spring eradication and step #2: replanting native trees/flora this Fall with Mindy Mohrman, City Arborist.
 5. Volunteers: Diane Droege Girl Scout Troop #1668, Kim Montgomery Girl Scout Troop #1050, Terry G./Tom O. New Horizon Boy Scouts.
 6. Two Facets of Fall IBH Eradications: Faust Park/NWF Anchor Project; Grow Native! Demo. Garden with Butterfly House & Fall Tree/native flora planting at Eberwein Park.
- H. **26th Annual Chesterfield Earth Day, Sat., April 29, 2017.**
1. Cloth Bag Sleeves for holding used plastic bags. Charity-Sharity will do; follow-up.
 2. Need to update 'Plastic Bags?' flyer.
- I. **20th Chesterfield/MO/America Recycles Event, Sat., Nov. 5, 2016:** Libbey, James, Darcy.
1. At Central Park, pool parking lot drive-thru. 9 AM – 1 PM?
 2. All Re/cyclers coming?
 3. Flyer draft DUE - Libbey passed out the draft for our review.
- J. **Missouri's Champion Trees/Horse chestnut update:** Paul, Bob. American chestnut may not be a Horse chestnut after all. Bob will pursue with Jesse Francis.
- K. **City Council Meeting:** Monday, 9/19/16, 6:30 PM; we should arrive early: Libbey, Bob, Darcy.

1. Green Teaming #60
 2. TREED Partnering #19
 3. Mary Tuttle is donating 2 'native flora' bouquets
- L. **New Flyer development:** Quality "Life Support Systems" from our Natural World, comic book style draft due October Meeting: Bob, Su, Darcy.
- M. **Other.** Girl Scout Troop 2534 graduated this year. The girls are all attending college and Meredith McMIndes and family have moved to California but prior to leaving thanked Darcy and CCE for being so helpful with the girl scouts in helping them develop and enrich their environmental concerns. Voted to post the girls work on city hall walls: NWF certification for butterfly garden in Eberwein Park and its signature gardens certification. Asked liaisons to inquire about monarch butterfly light post banners similar to the ones in Creve Coeur.

2016 Flyers Updating Recap: *Family Green Initiatives Brochure – (9/16): 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 & 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 YMCA Theater/Pollinators Program and CCE helping with giveaways at tabletop. *Sat., Oct. 15, planting native flora for butterfly gardens, back of YMCA, 9 AM to Noon. *20th Chesterfield/MO/America Recycles Event, Sat., Nov. 5, 2016.
- V. **Next Meeting:** August 25, 2016, 6:30 P.M., City Hall – Rooms #102-3. Mr. Stephen Herring, of Republic Hauling, tentative presenter.