

MEETING MINUTES
Chesterfield Citizens Committee for the Environment
July, 28, 2011, 6:30 p.m.
City Hall, Room #102-103

Committee Attendees: Darcy Capstick, Donna Pecherski, Terry Grogan, Polly Rutherford, Scott Soucek, Su Ghosh, Jeff Chapple

Committee Absentees: Ken Denson, Jeanne Clausen, Debbie Harrison

Liaison Attendees: Libbey Tucker, Bob Nation

Visitors: John Haasis, Spencer Feldman, Lynn Feldman, Jack Theobald, Jacob Tottleben, Beth Theobald

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

I. Call to Order/Agenda – Darcy.

A. Sign-in Attendance. *Reviewed Libbey's emailed documents: Abi/Bow volumes, NWF CHTeam, National Telecon Minutes, City Newsletter articles Sep, Oct, Nov, 2011; native flora list for Riparian area of Eberwein Park.*

II. "Mainstreaming Green" Projects: Discussions/and-or Actions.

A. Presenter: Mr. John Haasis, P.E., M.H.A, St. Louis County/Dept. of Health – Solid Waste Management Program, Program Manager. Topic: Solid Waste Diversion from Landfill Status in St. Louis County: How is it calculated?

The purpose of his efforts is to regulate trash from a health perspective and pay more attention to the economics of recycling. From 2003 to 2010 the County has increased landfill diversion from 29% to 55%. Partnering with Curbside Value will hopefully enable the County to make additional progress in recycling and landfill diversion.

B. CFM Grant: Repairing the Riparian: Planting-Playing-Picnicking at the NEW Eberwein Farm Park! Sat., Oct. 15, 2011, 11 AM – 1 PM – Libbey, Darcy.

1. Boy Scout Volunteers – Terry. *Terry will pursue getting 15 volunteers from the three local Boy Scout troops.*
2. Native Flora Planting List/cost – vote. *We approved the list of trees from which to make purchases.*
3. Kites/cost update; to preassemble or not – Scott, Jeff. *48 kites of various kinds have been ordered. String is included. We will obtain the necessary crepe paper and tape for the tails. We will assemble a kite to ensure there are no problems. Estimate total cost of the kites is \$85. Home Depot was notified that they do not have to provide string.*
4. Food choices/cost – a) Need subcommittee b) Dierbergs' donation. *Members will scope out the choices. We need to coordinate pick-up from Dierbergs.*
5. Flyers/posters/cost. Draft due 8/25 meeting. *Libbey disseminated the proposed flyer. Amendments to the flyer will be made..*
6. Budget remaining. *\$1425 less \$1000 for native flora and \$85 for kites = \$340 for food/flyers, etc.*
7. Conservation Handouts – *Will be made available.*

C. Stellar Green Youth Team Program

1. Review of Program – Scott. *We have 43 members.*
2. Stellar Green Youth Team Awardees from Girl Scout Troop #2534 –
 - a) Silver Award Plan. Tentatively to attend 9/11 CCE meeting. *Their third event is planned for our October 15 event. They will complete the SGYT applications after the event.*
 - b) Girl Scouts to attend City Council Nov. 7 or 21 for recognition of 100th Anniversary of Girl Scouts. *We decided on the Nov 7 meeting.*

D. Update: St. Louis Regional Recycling Luncheon on 7/12 – Darcy.

1. EPS/Styrofoam vs. plastic #6 - - BAG SEPARATELY. Rinse food containers well. This opportunity is **only** at our Earth Day and America Missouri/Chesterfield Recycles Day Event.
2. 2012 Annual Recycle Drives – a) include a separate ‘unit’ for EPS/Styrofoam and plastic #6 only? (Return to 3 units at Dierbergs) *We will pursue this on a trial basis.*

E. 15th America/Missouri/Chesterfield Recycles Day – 9 AM – Noon, Sat., Nov.

5, Parks Administration & Maint. Facility – Libbey, Darcy.

1. Flyer DRAFT; parking lot placement DRAFT. *Libbey presented proposed drafts of the notice and layout. Amendments will be made at the next meeting.*
2. Chesterfield What/Where to Recycle Flyer update – Donna, Jeanne. *The spreadsheet was reviewed and accepted. Our America Missouri/Chesterfield Recycles event will be included at the bottom of the sheet.*

F. Chesterfield’s 21st Annual Earth Day, Sat., April 21, 2012, Central City Park, 9 a.m. – noon Vendors; 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Recycling Area

1. World Bird Sanctuary Amphitheater Presentation – Libbey. *We will proceed with the World Bird Sanctuary presentation. Cost is \$306 for a one-hour show. Time of the presentation to be determined*
2. Food Vendors? *Libbey suggested the City will do concessions/food.*

G. ‘Good Neighbor Pledge’ vs. Your Blue Planet’s GREEN Challenge update – Su, Libbey.

1. What do call the document? *Su presented a proposed document. Committee members are to review it and offer improvement suggestions for our next meeting. We will title the process Our Blue Planet’s GREEN Challenge.*
2. Use of Document for K – 6th Grade? *It will apply to elementary school students. 6th grade is actually in the Middle School in Rockwood.*
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H. Parks & Recreation Committee Report of 7/9 – Darcy.

I. Native Landscape Challenge – Poster plan, Will qualify for NWF Certification & Signature Garden when complete. - Donna, Darcy. *A ‘before’ planting picture and layout landscape drawing were presented. Donna will develop a poster or display to also include a one-year later photo.*

J. Professional Doctors' Building/Olive & West Drive – NWF Application –
Debbie, Jeanne. *Debbie and Jeanne visited the building and took photographs for the application.*

K. October: Energy Awareness Month – Darcy, Donna.

1. Tabletop exhibit at City Hall
2. StraightUp Solutions “Integrating Solar Power – How Solar Works in St. Louis”, Mr. Dane Glueck, presenter, 8/25 CCE. Potential Public Education Session? *At our next meeting we will discuss if we want to set up a presentation to our citizens by Mr . Glueck.*

L. Report: Development near Creve Coeur Park – Debbie. *No report due to Debbie's absence.*

M. Other Items *Polly expressed concern that the oak tree gall wasps and the Emerald Ash tree borer are having very bad effects on the respective trees. Libbey will refer the issue to the relevant City representative.*

III. Calendar

*August Annual Recycle Drive at Dierbergs/Clarkson Road: 8/13 – 21; easel up 8/1 with Poster and flyers for this event and Nov. 5.

*October: Energy Awareness Month – Tabletop.

*Oct. 15 CFM Grant: ‘Repairing the Riparian’ - Eberwein Farm Park.

*Oct. 22 – 30 - Annual Recycle Drive at Dierbergs Market Place.

*Nov. 5 – 15th America/Missouri/Chesterfield Recycles Day – Parks Admin & Maintenance Facility; 2 tabletops at City Hall (MORA and A/W Republic).

IV. Next Meeting: Thursday, August 25, 2011, 6:30 PM, City Hall – Room #102-3.