

MEETING MINUTES
Chesterfield Citizens Committee for the Environment
July 26, 2012, 6:30 p.m.
City Hall, Room # 102-103

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

Committee Absentees: Jeanne Clauson, Debbie Harrison

Liaison Attendees: Libbey Tucker, Kris Simpson

Visitors: Tyler Kessler, Microgrid Energy

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

I. Call to Order/Agenda – Darcy.

A. **Sign-in Attendance.** *Handouts: WITS, 7/15/12 city newsletter copy, EDSET Flyer to ReUse Science Fair Exhibits, EDSET Judging Criteria.

**Emailed: AbiBow Recycling (19,774 tons) & A/W Republic Volumes.*

B. **Approval of Minutes – Ken.** *Ken circulated the minutes from March, April, and May via email; June still outstanding.*

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

A. **Presenters: Mr. Tyler Kessler, Vice President of Microgrid Energy.**

Updates on Microgrid and Missouri Solar Energy Industries Association (MOSEIA) – updates (ap. 15 min.). Handouts. Invite to Earth Day.

Microgrid Energy installs solar energy systems throughout the US with most installations currently occurring in the St. Louis and Kansas City areas. Energy efficiency improvements are the primary goal of the installations. They have some high profile customers (e.g., St. Louis Cardinals and US Bank). Their installation saved the Cardinals \$500,000 per year in energy costs. A successful installation needs to have two of the following three prerequisites (high cost of power, southern sun exposure, and financial incentives). Mr. Kessler would like Chesterfield to participate in the Green power community program as Clayton and Creve Coeur are doing. Mr. Kessler will plan to attend Earth Day, 2013.

B. **Silver Award Girl Scout Troop #1171, Dr. David Kersting and Troop.**

1. DVD from Earth Day Fashion Show.

2. November Tabletop.

No report; will reschedule.

C. **GRANTS – Libbey, Kris.**

1. RBM update. *Allied Waste/Republic will meet with St. Louis County. The participation rate effort is in process.*

2. 6-month Single Stream Recycling Report. *Kris presented our historical trends of solid waste and recycling over the past five years. They both appear to be leveling off although solid waste appeared to be very low with respect to the trend in 2011. Kris will examine further, and an inquiry went to Allied Waste/Republic.*

3. CVAC Status Report of Single Stream Recycling. *It's difficult to quantify this activity. We need to publicize this opportunity, and how to recycle right, as well as PR our November event at both CVAC and Central Pool Park, once the flyers have been released.*

D. Parks & Recreation Citizens Advisory Council Report 7/14 – Darcy.

1. Eberwein Pollinators Signage. *The signage from Pfizer is posted at the rain garden*
2. 2nd Annual Tour d' Parks. *It will be held again next year, as part of the City's 25th anniversary.*

E. Girl Scout Troop 2534's NWF Application for 'Native Flora for Butterflies Garden' – Certificate receipt update – Libbey, Darcy, Polly. *We have not received the certificate yet.*

1. Sat., 8/25, in A.M. Silver Award Ceremony in Park. Time TBA.
2. Drury Status. *This space is not available. We will inform the Girl Scouts to try to find another location.*
3. Butterfly Art Donation. *Polly showed examples of butterflies that would be donated by Iron Décor N More (Earth Day participants). The sculpture will need to be approved by the Public Art Approval Committee.*

F. Eagle Scout Brandon Long's Eberwein Park Project 7/3 update – Darcy. *Brandon has submitted a report that outlines his plans for his birdhouse project.*

G. 16th America/Missouri/Chesterfield Recycles Day Event – Sat., Nov. 3, CVAC Maintenance Facility, North Lot, 9 AM - NOON – Darcy, Libbey.

1. Review Partners involved. *We have not yet heard from Home Depot or Batteries Plus, but Libbey will follow up.*
2. Review updated Flyer. *The flyer was presented.*
3. Girl Scout Troop #1668 + Cintas; Multi-Family Dwelling Units first/general public second. November Tabletop to help show 'trees saved.' *Partnering with CCE for maximizing paper recycling.*
4. Drug/spent meds. take-back? *They will not participate.*

H. Stellar Green Youth Team – Patrick Barry application – Award Letter about E Day sent - Scott, Libbey. *We have 52 SGYT recipients at this time, and two will receive formal acknowledgement at the 2013 Earth Day.*

I. 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 update. SCIENCE Fair Exposition (SGYTeam is umbrella)
 - a. Team: Boy & Girl Scout Leaders (former Science Fair Judge) and Liaisons, SLU, Pfizer/Monsanto Partner, PRCAC Parent/Maryville College Instructor, A/Vertegy.

b. Initial Flyer handout. Judging criteria handouts. Youth Application in process; DUE August Meeting. *Judging criteria were handed out for review by the Committee.*

c. EDSET meeting at City Hall – Tues., August 14, 6 – 7 P.M./Multipurpose Room/light foods. # CCE Members. *A sign-up sheet was circulated.*

d. EDSET Package due for opening of public/private schools this September. *For now, we will aim solicitation only at schools located in Chesterfield.*

e. *All CCE Members: NOW is the time to mentor Science Exhibitors. Please take flyers to families/Youth.*

J. Sustainable Gardening/Landscaping Flyer Practices update – Jeanne, Donna. *Donna will coordinate development of a rough draft. We will shoot to have it ready for Earth day 2013.*

K. Chesterfield Good Neighbor Pledge Middle School Edition update – Su. *Su circulated the middle school version. Committee members are asked to provide feedback at the next meeting.*

L. Other.

III. Calendar:

- August 25 - GS Troop #2534's Silver Award Ceremony; time TBA.
- September 10-12 – Mo. Recycling Assn. (MORA) Annual Conference.
- September 19, 6:30 - City Council - honor Rose Family, Professional Doctors Bldg., Chesterfield Elementary School, and GS Troop 2534 for Sustainable Gardening/Landscaping Practices.
- Nov. 3, 9 A.M. – NOON, 16th America/Missouri/Chesterfield Recycles Day Event, CVAC Maintenance Facility, North Lot.

IV. **Next Meeting:** August 23, 2012, 6:30 PM, City Hall – Room # 102-103. {Presenter Mitch Leachman, Coordinator for *Bring Conservation Home*, St. Louis Audubon Society.}