



Chesterfield Citizens Environmental Advisory Committee (CCEAC)

June 27, 2024

Summary of Meeting Results

City Hall, 690 Chesterfield Parkway West; Room 102-103. 6:00 p.m.

I. Call meeting to order – The meeting was called to order at 6PM by Rob Kilo Vice Chair. Jeanne Tevlin, Chair was on vacation.

II. Attendance - taken and recorded by secretary

Present: Kari Johnson, City Liaison, Rob Kilo Vice Chair, Ward IV, Laura Houck Secretary, Ward III, Darcy Capstick, member emeritus Ward III, Donna Pecherski, Ward II, Jeanne Clauson, Ward III, Paul McCool, Ward I, Su Ghosh, Ward III, Merrell Hansen, Councilwoman Ward IV and Gary Budoor, Councilman Ward IV.

III. Discussion/approval of June meeting summary - led by secretary

Motion to approve: Paul made motion to approve minutes with the following changes: under section VIII next meeting is June 27 and under upcoming action dates, deadline for Sixth Mayor's Monarch Pledge, not Fifth. 2nd motion: The motion was seconded by Donna Pecherski

IV. Update on events and deadlines:

a. 6/3 Darcy Capstick emeritus status update. Darcy's emeritus status was approved by City Council. In recognition, a card and cookie cake were given to Darcy.

Agenda topic added per TW Dieckmann:

- a. TW Dieckmann came to our meeting to update us on the Forest Management Plan for Central Park. The goal will be to decrease or eliminate invasives such as IBH, Autumn Olive, etc. Right now, we are not seeing many seedlings grow in this area for reforestation. The Central Park area has been divided into sections. This will be a 4-year process with a couple sections worked on at a time. City can apply for a grant which should cover half the costs of both removal of honeysuckle and replanting. This will be a process of cutting, treating and chipping. There will be opportunities for public participation. This may begin in August of this year. After the invasives have been removed, native grasses will be planted to choke out any residual invasives. There will be no tree planting the first two years to make sure that the invasives have been choked out. TW hopes to hear in July if we receive the grant. Recommendation to start with areas with the highest trail visibility due to significant IBH now choking out trailside pollinators and strong resident interest in removing/reducing invasive species.
- b. TW also covered non-CCEAC topics, including a project called Back of House Amphitheater project and a new Central Park Playground project. In October,

TW will know if the Dept. will receive a grant to replace the playground at Central Park.

Return back to CCEAC agenda:

b. 7/5 - deadline Chesterfield Citizens newsletter article. The theme of the newsletter is Public Engagement/Conservation. It was decided our articles would stay in line with the theme. A suggestion was the topic that our area zone for planting has changed. We may have an article about what to recycle in the November issue.

1. Topic ideas from committee: from Jeanne T - benefit of bugs and insects; let's find ways to reduce first, then recycle. Request to send additional topics to Jeanne Tevlin. Su will take the lead on our CCEAC article.

c. 8/3 - Update on Back-to-School Bash

1. Prep work status – regarding milk jugs, just rabbits; no holes in bottom; 31 planters stored at Jeanne T, Vaishali took 6 or 7; leave milk labels and cover with large plain labels. Home Depot may donate flowers for the children to plant in the milk jugs. We will meet at Jeanne Tevlin's house again before next meeting – date TBD.

2. Work still required: clean markers off, paint pink in ears, and attach labels.

3. Have googly eyes, pink heart stickers for nose (at Jeanne T's)

4. How to do mouth and noses?

5. Status of supplies, potting tools, potting soil, plants, table, markers

6. Plan station layout and how it will work; location?

7. Worker sign up

d. Fall Festival scheduled for October 19

1. Are we going to participate in the fall festival – yes. A motion was made by Paul McCool to participate in the fall festival. It was seconded by Donna Pecherski.

e. Update on City Tree Manual – Rob followed up with Arborist Geoff Wegrzyn who said it's still with the Planning Department since April. The city tree manual still has the Callery Pear tree and other inappropriate trees as an 'approved/recommended tree' for planting. We should be concerned that a Developer could plant these invasive trees because it is 'recommended' in the tree manual. Planning and Public Works has information from Jeff Wegrzyn to make changes to the list. Merrell offered to assist in following up on this. This topic should be carried forward for follow up updates at the July CCEAC meeting.

On a separate topic, the Arborist has a list of recommended street trees that are allowed to be selected by residents for a \$100 fee to the city. He will be including an article in the Citizen newsletter.

**V. Committee Member Priorities/Ideas for future projects
- input from committee**

a. Tabletop displays:

1. It was agreed to continue the tabletop displays. We should take advantage of upcoming events and have a tabletop display at these events: Back to School Bash (8/3/24), Trunk or Treats (10/10/24), Truck or Treats 10/5/24).

b. Recycling Education Program:

Republic Services will be at both Truck or Treats and Trunk or Treats. Kari suggested using the tabletop at these events as we are losing our Chesterfield Community Center room at Chesterfield Mall in August due to upcoming mall demolition. The new area will be in Room 102/103 at City Hall.

Kari shared that the Amphitheatre Recycling cans are recycled and picked up weekly by Republic Services. Recycling cans at pavilions, playground, etc. are for show only and mixed with trash. There are no recycling cans around Central Park lake trail.

1. Link sent to access PowerPoint created by Susan Piazza

2. Any interested members in pursuing? Lead?

c. Monitor Volume reports from Susan Piazza (via Kari)

1. Need a person to receive and review monthly reports: Su volunteered to monitor and send the information by email. She will record quarterly, and a yearly committee update; or alert us to patterns or concern.

d. Any other ideas, priorities or concerns that you would like to present?

Jeanne T - Request for CCEAC banner/sign to display while we are volunteering. Group agreed this would be beneficial for CCEAC. Kari is checking possibility

e. Listed below are projects that we worked on before.

Interest in moving forward, rethinking, modifying any of these? The city's website will be cleaned up with new website vendor. We need to go through our committee's website and prioritize and edit these points. We will get a QR code for each. Review and edit for next meeting each of the city website CCEAC brochures for group discussion.

e. Brochures listed on City website. TBD

f. Speaker Series. Not discussed – tabled.

g. CCEAC Brochure – needs updating.

h. Treed Partners. Not discussed – tabled.

i. Green Team. Not discussed – tabled.

VI. May/June committee recaps/ follow ups

a. 5/29 Bush Honeysuckle removal – CCEAC volunteers cleared the Native Landscape In Progress trailhead of Riparian Trail off August Hill Drive. Volunteers included Rob Kilo, Paul McCool, Donna Pecherski, Jeanne Clauson, and Jeanne Tevlin. Paul brought a chain saw which was much appreciated. Paul & Rob also cleared IBH from the beauty berry hedge by the streamwalk, however, the IBH is so overgrown it had significantly overtaken the hedge in many areas. Please send any pictures from this volunteer event to Gary Budoor so we have before and after pictures.

b. 5/26 Reviewed archives and discarded most dated prior to 2020. Thanks to Jeanne Clauson, Donna Pecherski, and Jeanne Tevlin for going through the archives.

c. 6/4. Prep for planter project for Back-to-School Bash – already discussed with thanks to Jeanne Clauson, Donna Pecherski, Su Gosh, Vaishali Soneta, and Jeanne Tevlin for working on this project.

VII. New Business

VIII. Announcements/Comments

a. Rob shared a St. Louis Area listing of Farmer's Market information. He also shared a 'Recycle Reminder' from another City that may have ideas for our resources. He also shared a NWF Monarch Butterfly newsletter that he received approval from NWF to use/modify for CCEAC and Monarch Grove – he will cover Monarch Grove pollinator gardens in depth as an agenda item at one of the next CCEAC meetings. All three of these items will be emailed out to CCEAC.

b. We received notice that CCEAC agendas/minutes will once again be shared transparently on the City's website. The city leadership decision to not share CCEAC information since February has been overturned.

c. Reminder: Box of 100 Garden for Wildlife magazines in the mail room at City Hall and take as needed. They are on the table.

d. Reminder: Mitzy Baker bakermitty@rsdmo.org - 5th grade teacher at Chesterfield Elementary expressed interest in our committee working with her classes.

e. Kari provided CCEAC green t-shirts for members to wear at CCEAC events and events where CCEAC is a participant. Follow up with Kari if you were not present at this meeting to get your t-shirt.

f. Jeanne submitted updates for the CCEAC Roster. This will be emailed out prior to our July CCEAC meeting.

IX. Adjournment:

a. . Next Meeting Thursday July 25, 6 pm. at City Hall.

UPCOMING ACTION DATES:

2024

July 8 (Mon) - deadline for articles to be submitted for publication

July 25 (Thurs) – CCEAC meeting 6 pm City Hall

Date TBD - Final work prep for planter project at Jeanne Tevlin's house

August 3 (Sat) - Back to School Bash; 10am - 2pm. CCEAC table top display.

August 22 (Thurs) – CCEAC meeting 6 pm City Hall

September 16 (Mon) - NWF Zoom Mtg 3-4 pm CT; Jeanne Clausen, Rob Kilo back-up

September 26 (Thurs) - CCEAC meeting 6 pm City Hall

October 5 (Sat) - Truck or Treats. CCEAC table top display

October 10 (Thurs) - Trunk or Treats. CCEAC table top display

October 19 (Sat) – Chesterfield Fall Festival. CCEAC table top display.

October 24 (Thurs) - CCEAC meeting 6 pm City Hall

November 21 (Thurs) - CCEAC meeting 6 pm City Hall

December 9 (Mon) - NWF Zoom Meeting 3 - 4 pm CT

Mid-December - NWF Fiscal Year Report (Kari Johnson) to Recertify our Community Wildlife Habitat

December 19 (Thurs) - CCEAC meeting 6 pm City Hall

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Deadline for Sixth Mayor's Monarch Pledge 2025

April 2025 (Date TBD) - Invasive Bush Honeysuckle (IBH), vines removal and trash pick-up – Rob Kilo will coordinate date/time with Kari. Volunteers include Terry Grogan and the Boy Scouts.