

MEETING NOTICE
Chesterfield Citizens Committee for the Environment
June 27, 2013, 6:30 p.m.
City Hall, Rooms #101-2

Committee Attendees: Darcy Capstick, Suchitra Ghosh, Jeanne Tevlin, Donna Pecherski, Bob Ernst, Ben Keathley, Ken Denson, Patty Wiggins, Terry Grogan, Debbie Harrison

Committee Absentees: Jeff Chapple, Polly Rutherford, Jeanne Clauson, Scott Soucek

Liaison Attendees: Elliot Grissom, James Mello

Liaison Absentee: Libbey Tucker

I. Call to Order/Agenda

A. Attendance/Absences/Notices.

B. E-Reports: 5/23/13 Minutes, A/W Republic, Abi/Bow (21.714 tons).

C. Handouts: updated roster, Chesterfield's 25th Anniversary Signature Garden Model Helps Pollinators.

II. "Sustainability by Design" Projects

A. Presenter: David Berger, Executive Director, St. Louis-Jefferson Solid Waste Mgmt. District – "Updates." (15 min.)

David Berger spoke about the 1990's legislation that created the solid waste management districts and recent challenges to the programs continued funding. David compared the St. Louis-Jefferson district to the other districts and commented on the current rates of recycling. David also touched on challenges and need to encourage better material capture, especially from food packaging and composting efforts. He also spoke about the importance of maintaining the district's low material contamination rates. There has been an Interim Committee established and they are working on 'next steps.'

B. Pollinators' Tabletop: "Agri-Chesterfield-Missouri" (Jansen's local honey, Dierbergs Mkt. Place edible-organic flora, Rick Jordan local honey/elderberry chocolates) – Donna, Jeanne, Darcy.

C. Report on NWF Quarterly Conference Call 6/27 – minutes forthcoming. – Bob, Darcy. Darcy read from an email indicating that Roxanne Paul our NWF Certified Community Wildlife Habitat Liaison was leaving the NWF due to diminished revenues and Eliza Russel, Director of Education, would be taking on the Registered and Certified Communities. The Quarterly National Telephone Conferences will resume.

D. Grants

1. MDOC 2014 Community Stewardship Grant – 2nd meeting 6/24/eminutes forthcoming – update – Bob, Darcy, Libbey. Eminutes of this meeting indicated that the designated Park's needs were not targeted as part of this Grant opportunity. The City Staff, and Director McCarthy, would be holding internal discussions and let the Community Stewardship Team know shortly of their decision.

2. Grant Update – Forks & Corks compostable serveware update - Libbey.

E. Chesterfield's 25th Anniversary Signature Garden Model – on city's web site/in Reading Rack – Darcy, Libbey. Use of the same 'header' on the city's web site and the flyer would be helpful.

F. "Charity Sharity" – Darcy, Libbey.

1. Deliveries to Chesterfield Police Dept., St. Luke's Hospital/pediatrics, and to do: Monarch FPD, urgent care facilities, Wings of Hope, Red Cross sites. Include Nurse Offices and Counselor Offices at schools.

2. Added to November and Earth Day re/e-cycling ops.

G. Boy Scouts' 2014 Schedule – Terry. Camporees: May 16 - 18, 2014. Spring Conclave: April 11 - 13, 2014.

H. 17th America/Missouri/Chesterfield Recycles Day, Sat., Nov. 9, 2013, at Central Park/Pavilion Drive-thru/ ED Layout. Hours? Volunteers? Re/Ecyclers review (incl. Operation Food Search & Charity Sharity). Need Boy Scout and Girl Scout volunteers. Libbey, Darcy.

Hours for the 17th America/Missouri/Chesterfield Recycles Day Event will be extended from 9am-1pm. Set-up will be from 8am-9am. We hope that Stellar Green Youth will help set up. Operation Food Search and Charity Sharity will be two new collectors with us. We still need to coordinate a traffic pattern and space for the e-cycling drop off. Find out what time scouts will show up and find volunteers.

I. 4 P's Brochure *drafting* – Bob, Darcy.

First draft is finished. We can still add more information, but will need to consider cutting or changing the current 11.5 by 8 format to make room. A webpage could contain more detailed info, but want a concise published piece. One suggestion was made to move references to online links. Other suggestions should be sent electronically and will be discussed at the next meeting.

J. Your Blue Planet's GREEN Challenge – Secondary Edition update – Su.

Your Blue Planet's GREEN Challenge - Secondary Ed. DRAFT is finished. A finished copy will hopefully be distributed next meeting. It is time to start thinking about how to circulate all the documents that have been created. Need to find ways to motivate school districts, subdivision trustees, houses of worship, etc, to help handing out.

K. CCE Benevolence Update & Butterfly Installation- Libbey.

L. 54th and 55th Green Team Members. Discussion/Vote/When? Darcy.

St. Louis Composting was nominated and selected as the 54th Green Team member. They have participated in at least five earth days, they have partnered with us in education efforts, and have presented at our meetings in the past. For the 55th award, Ted Jansen was nominated and selected for his instrumental role in teaching younger bee keepers and attending many of our Earth Days. He introduced us to the Eastern Missouri Bee Keepers Association during our NWF Certification Process, and he is instrumental in helping us find new bee keepers/sellers of local honey to attend our

Earth Days now. Both were approved unanimously to receive the Green Team awards in August.

M. MISC.: Getting Smoke House certified by NWF, CCE's paving stone, Updating Team for "Buying Recycled Means Closing the Loop" brochure, Repairing the Riparian at Eberwein Update, Monthly e-cycling Update, Bio Diverse St. Louis Update (Bob)

Smoke House needs to be certified. Jean and Debbie were working on this and they will start looking into Lion's Choice for possible certification.

Need an updating crew for "Buying Recycled Means Closing the Loop" brochure. Jeanne C., Jeanne T., Donna, Deb, and Patty have volunteered. Need to finish the updates by the end of summer.

- After next month, WITS e-cycling will move to every other month for the rest of the year. Unsure if that pattern will continue in 2014 or not. This is the result of being overwhelmed with materials, and they need an extra month to deal with the high volumes. Volume for WITS alone has reported 65 tons in 2013. We need to get word out about the bimonthly switch. Perhaps a sign should be placed at the CVAC HQ site now to help spread the news.

BiodiverCity program was jump started by Missouri Botanical Garden to explore ways to bring natural vegetation and increase vegetation in urban areas. Process is still in early planning, getting started a series of committees that range from leadership to contact. We so far are the only environmental committee represented and no other city is formally represented yet.

N. Other.

III. Calendar:

A. City Newsletter articles due 7/1/13.

B. 17th America/Missouri/Chesterfield Recycles Day Sat., Nov. 9, 2013, Central Park/Pavilion Parking Lot Drive-Thru, Hours 9am-1pm.

C. October – Energy Awareness Month/Energy Star.

IV. Next Meeting: July 25, 6:30 PM, City Hall – Room #101-2.

Richard Weirzba - Arm Strong Environmental will present on multifamily dwelling unit recycling.