

MEETING MINUTES
Chesterfield Citizens Committee for the Environment
May 28, 2009, 6:30 p.m.
City Hall, Room # 102-3

Committee Attendees: Darcy Capstick, Donna Pecherski, Polly Rutherford, Scott Soucek, Ted Slap, Ken Denson

Committee Absentees: Jeanne Clauson, Rachel Eilbott, Terry Grogan, Jeff Chapple

Liaison Attendees: Sarah Cantlon, Council Member Lee Erickson

Visitors: Martin Ewell

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

I. Call to Order/Agenda. (6:30 PM)

A. Sign-in.

B. Approval of Minutes of 3/26/09 – Ken. *(Minutes for meetings of 1/22, 2/26, and 3/26 to be sent to Committee members prior to June meeting.)*

II. “Mainstreaming Green” Projects

A. Presenter: Mr. Martin Ewell, ‘Go Green Lawn and Landscape’ (10 min.)

Mr. Ewell described his new Chesterfield-based environmentally-friendly lawn care service, with vehicles that use biodiesel fuel and using electric or hand powered equipment where possible to minimize emissions. His firm purchases carbon offsets to counter balance electricity consumption, and uses organic fertilizers, minimizing pesticide and herbicide use.

B. Reports/Information

1. “How to ‘Green’ Your Home” Seminar Critique – everyone. ***Consensus was that seminar was excellent, but very sparsely attended. Brainstormed many ideas, but concluded that would suspend presenting seminars in favor of looking for venues to distribute the handout materials from the seminar. Identified that distribute the materials at next Tree Day.***
2. PRCAC Report of 5/9 – Darcy.
3. National Arbor Day Tree Planting Critique – Darcy.
4. Stellar Green Youth Teaming date/time/place update – Libbey, Sarah. ***Plan to present awards at an August City Council meeting.***
5. Allied Waste - Green Teaming date/time/place & 65 gal. units update - Libbey, Darcy. ***Discussed presenting Green Team award to Tony Lamantia at City Council meeting in November, in conjunction with America Recycles Day presentation***
6. CFM “Teaming with Wildlife” Grant and Watershed Cleanup/Confluence/MSD Spring 2010 update – Libbey, Darcy.
7. CVAC Recycling Program update – Libbey. ***Sarah reported that the pilot recycling program had experienced difficulty, with significant trash being deposited in recycle bins. Pepsi will be providing specialized containers tailored for bottles and cans***
8. Annual Recycle Drives: Updating Photos/Flyer Frame – Ted.
9. NWF CHTeam Telecon Report of 4/3 – Darcy. ***Representatives for 17 communities in 12 states were represented on the call.***

10. NWF Announcement/EcoSchools – Darcy. ***The World Wildlife Federation is hosting an Eco-Schools program in the US at the request of the United Nations. There are 3 combined School District/City parks in the Chesterfield area, which present combined opportunities for promoting Sustainable Gardening, school children education, and the Stellar Green Youth program.***
11. 13th America/Missouri/Chesterfield Recycles Day: **WHY We Recycle.** - update – Darcy.
 - a. Children’s Education Materials for Nov. 14 update – Polly, Rachel. ***Donated brochures are being collected for distributing to children at event, encouraging involvement with nature and sustainable practices.***

There was discussion of giving away recycled-content products to attendees, but will consider strategy to maximize effectiveness. Jeanne Clauson (Ad Hoc Chair), Donna Pecherski, and Ted Slap will work on collecting materials and proposing a plan.

At the request of CCE members, Cintas will be present to provide secure document shredding and recycling at the event.

12. Literature/references points – Darcy.
13. Other.

C. Actions

1. Green Teaming of Allied Waste - Darcy. ***Already approved by Committee; awaiting setting date for presentation.***
2. Stellar Green Youth Team – Libbey, Sarah. ***Already approved by Committee; awaiting setting date for presentation.***
3. 13th America/Missouri/Chesterfield Recycles Day Plan – Darcy. ***Plan Approved.***
4. Other.

III. 18th Annual Tree, Earth and Arbor Day: Carbon Footprints...What’s Your Size??? Sat., April 25, 2009.

- A. After Action Report – Sarah/Jeff C. ***Draft document distributed to attendees.***
- B. Critique – everyone. ***Sarah Cantlon suggested modifying the Layout Guide to remove the detailed assignment of presenters to specific tables/areas, to facilitate greater flexibility when inevitable changes occur on the day of event. Others suggested perhaps extending the hours into the afternoon, in conjunction with having food and beverages available at the event.***
- C. 19th Annual Tree, Earth and Arbor Day: Cleaner Streams...Wetlands...Rivers...Drinking Water! Sat., April 24, 2010 (tentative).
- D. Wal-Mart Grant Balance – Libbey. ***Sarah reported \$1500 remains from Wal-Mart grant and \$250 from Textile Benevolence.***
- E. Actions

VI. Recycling Reports/Information- Darcy.

- * Abitibi – 54.5 tons for 4/09; 66 tons for 4/08.
- * Resource Management Co./City Curbside – graph emailed.

- *Textiles Benevolence Balance – Libbey.
- *M, C, C, C – 10,960 lbs. (5,500 lbs. 4/08)
- *Textiles – 2,400 lbs. (3,146 lbs. 4/08)
- *Eyclables – 15 tons. (25 ½ tons 4/08)

VII. Calendar

- * MORA’s Annual Conference, “Ride the Green Wave,” 6/ 8 – 10 /09.
- *National Pollinator Week – June 22 – 28.
- *13th America/Missouri/Chesterfield Recycles Day, Sat., Nov. 14, 2009, City Hall Plaza, 10 AM – 2 PM due to digital factor/e-cycling: **WHY** We Recycle!

VIII. Informational Materials: Literature & References Attachment to Agenda.

IX. Next Meeting: Thursday, June 25, 2009, 6:30 PM, City Hall – Room #102/3.
(Adjourned at 8:00 PM)