

MEETING MINUTES
Chesterfield Citizens Committee for the Environment
May 26, 2011, 6:30 p.m.
City Hall, Room #102-103

Committee Attendees: Darcy Capstick, Donna Pecherski, Terry Grogan, Polly Rutherford, Scott Soucek, Debbie Harrison, Su Ghosh, Ken Denson

Committee Absentees: Jeanne Clauson, Jeff Chapple

Liaison Attendees: Libbey Tucker

Visitors: Doug Gilberg, Mike Bacon

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

I. Call to Order/Agenda – Darcy. (6:32 PM)

- A. Sign-in Attendance. *New Member Su Ghosh/Introductions. *Handouts: Midwest Recycling and Shredding Flyer (Styrofoam), Profiles in Garbage (Food Waste), Zero Idling, and Air Quality. ***Other opening comments included the welcoming of new Committee member Su Ghosh to her inaugural meeting, and the sad news of the passing of longtime, active Chesterfield resident Dan Rothwell, who collaborated with the Committee on a number of projects, including being a part of our National Wildlife Federation Community Habitat Certification team.***
- B. Approval of Minutes – Ken. ***Minutes of April 2011 meeting approved as recorded.***

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

- A. Messrs. Mike Bacon, President/CEO; Doug Gilberg, Marketing Director of the County’s first licensed ‘composting’ facility – Route 66 Organics (ap. 15 min.) ***Provided overview of services provided by the company, which began with a target of producing high quality top soil. Began with processing yard waste, have expanded to commercial collection of waste organic foodstuffs for composting, as well as providing manures. First to be licensed by St. Louis County for collection of compostable organics, and only company composting in St. Louis County. Accepts yard waste from individuals at their facility, with pre-arrangement.***
 - 1. Add to Chesterfield What and Where To Recycle Flyer/Choices – Darcy. ***Will add services provided by Route 66 Organics to the flyer maintained and distributed by the Committee.***
- B. Conservation Federation of MO Grant: Repairing the Riparian: Planting-Playing-Picnicing At the NEW Eberwein Farm Park! Sat., Oct. 15, 2011 – Libbey, Darcy. ***The following support has been committed to by partners of the Committee: Home Depot – kite string and 1 tent; Parks Committee – volunteers, to include youth and families; PNC Bank – planting assistance; STLCC Wildwood – volunteers; Dierbergs – food; Remains – fabric kite tails; Pure Power – pinwheels; Boy Scouts – volunteers.***
- C. The Chesterfield Landscape Challenge – Polly. ***9 entries in the contest received by the deadline.***
- D. Confirmation of Liaisons: Girl Scout of America Liaison; Key Club Liaison - Darcy. – Vote to approve. ***Stephanie Berghoff – Parkway Central Girl Scout***

Leader, and John Gruender – Key Club, will serve as liaisons to the Committee, to help connect information with youth.

- E. Update on WITS & Receipts at Events – Darcy. ***There was extensive discussion of the collection of the donor receipt forms at the Earth Day E-Cycle collection event, which significantly slowed the flow of cars through the collection drop off. The forms are required due to more stringent government reporting requirements, but we will explore ways to mitigate the impact for future events.***
- F. 15th America/Missouri/Chesterfield Recycles – Nov. 5 – Darcy.
 - 1. Allied Waste/Republic Tabletop –
 - 2. MORA Recycled-Content Products Tabletop – Darcy.
- G. Abi/Bow Report – Darcy. ***22.441 tons of recycled paper collected in Chesterfield in April 2011.***
- H. Parks & Recreation Citizens Adv. Cmte. 5/14 Report – Darcy. ***Highlights discussed were opening of the Amphitheatre, including the installation of the green roof on the concession building.***
- I. Chesterfield's 20th Annual Earth Day Critique – everyone.
 - 1. Shifts: CCE Table, traffic, set-up, volunteers.
 - 2. Amphitheater siting vs. Central Park/Pavilion/parking lot.
 - 3. VOTE: Date for Earth Day AND Arbor Day Observation.
 - 1. April 20/21 (Nat'l Earth Day) ***Selected for our 2012 Arbor Day observation and 21st Annual Earth Day events***
 - 2. May 4 or 5
 - 3. April 27/28 (Boy Scouts not available to help)
 - 4. NWF Trees for the 21st Century Program. ***City and Committee will participate with education and planting event in the Park system in Fall 2012; will plant at least 50 trees (minimum for the Program).***
- J. National Pollinators' Week Tabletop – up 6/13 - down 6/28 – Darcy, Donna.
- K. Updating NWF 'Good Neighbor Pledge' – Darcy, Su. ***Program has been dropped by National Wildlife Federation. Will revise and move to the Chesterfield website, focused on actions youth can take. Committee members to suggest categories of activities for inclusion. Brainstorming session scheduled for June meeting.***
- L. Other.

III. Calendar

- *Tabletop at City Hall for National Pollinators' Week: up 6/13 – down 6/28.
- *July 15 next articles for city newsletter due: 9, 10, 11/11.
- *August Annual Recycle Drive at Dierberg's MarketPlace/Clarkson Road: 8/13 - 21.
- *Oct. 15 CFM Grant: 'Repairing the Riparian' at Eberwein Farm Park.
- *Nov. 5 – 15th America/Missouri/Chesterfield Recycles – CVAC/Maintenance.

IV. Next Meeting: Thursday, June 23, 2011, 6:30 PM, City Hall – Room #102-3.
(Adjourned 8:25 PM)