

MINUTES
Chesterfield Citizens Committee for the Environment
May 24, 2018, 6:15 p.m.
City Hall 690 Chesterfield Parkway West Room 102-103

Mission Statement: Conservation of Native, Natural, and Energy resources education.

I. Call to Order. 6:21 Attendance Sheet.

Present: Polly Rutherford, Jeanne Clauson, Paul Travers, Donna Pecherski, Jeanne Tevlin, Rom Kurapati, Su Ghosh
City Reps: Tom McCarthy, Mary Klauke; Council member Ben Keathley
Absent: Darcy Capstick, Terry Grogan, Gary Sriperumbudoor, Laura Houck

II. Approval of April 19, 2018 Minutes

The minutes were revised with suggestions from Su. Old Business that should have been in April Minutes will be discussed at this meeting, tonight. Jeanne T. approved minutes with corrections and Paul T. seconded motion.

III. Park Master Plan meeting and involvement

A letter was sent to all committee members with dates and times to attend a planning focus group. The requested/preferred time to have everyone present is June 21st, 5:30 – 7:00. Tom will not be present, as recommended by the consultants. June 20th is the large forum meeting at council chambers, from 6:00 – 7:30. Suggested that we all be there for Forum also. Tom will be present at the Forum. We should RSVP. Darcy won't be there but is giving her input. Invite others to come or have them call Tom if they can't come and have questions.

IV. ST. Louis County Grant

1. Concept of presentation at first concert- Tom will be out of town. Jason will be explaining the new recycling program and wheeling out the containers.
2. Committee members' information Table at concert on June 2 (6:00pm) 26 new containers will be spread all over. Needed: members at information table from 6:00 to 8:30, which will be right next to the concession stand. 2 containers will be next to the table. People signed up: Polly, Donna, Rom and Paul. Suggestion box will be out with paper and pen for people to use.
3. Signage that will be going up around the Amphitheater for recycling program: Posters and signage on sandwich boards will be out.

V. St. Louis County Health Department 2019 Grant proposal

This grant had to be written quickly due to time constraints. Could get as much as \$25,000 with no matching by city.

1. Recycle bins at the CVAC F Quad - We're proposing 24 Recycling Units, which are pretty much the same as the new ones we received for our present grant. There was discussion on adding "Recycled Arrows" to Blue Bin.
2. Composting bins residents/schools: Over 220 Composting Units offered to residents at a drastically reduced rate. Normally \$120, will be offered for \$25. We will offer composting classes and surveys to those who buy the bins. Also offering to schools in Chesterfield. There will not be a charge for the schools. There will be a laminated poster to go onto unit

as far as what can be composted. Grant includes the bin, a turner to be placed inside the bin, and the small kitchen bin to be used for kitchen compostables. Polly motioned to accept and improve the grant ideas. Everyone else seconded the motion.

VI. Earth day Review

- **Marketing:** Banners were great, but they were hard to read. Letters were too small and too light. Social media good, lit up sign on Parkway was good. Brochures spread widely were good. Email blasts, Facebook, etc. City newsletter was good. Su suggested we also advertise in earlier newsletters. All of these should be continued for the November Recycles Day. Marketing budget was cut so we might not be able to add additional printing, etc. We will get the numbers for 2016 and compare.
- **Conservation Awards:** Everyone was excited to get award. A few didn't show up. Jeanne needs to pick up St. John's and the Office Park. Mary said she could deliver the Office Park certificate.
- **Habitat For Humanity:** They refused to take 80% of the stuff we collected. If they can't come next year, we will not collect for them.
- **Monsanto:** Happy to be there. Their presentation was good. We will ask them again.
- **Craft project:** Bee hotels – two Marquette girls were very good and outgoing. They stayed busy. Those that were left we may use in fall or for Chesterfield camps this summer. About 30 bee hotels left and 16 bee houses.
- **Train tickets and Carousel:** Spinner had problems. Need to remount it. Wasn't stable. All tickets were given away and kids were happy!
- **Outside vendors/Indoor vendors:** Numbers for 2018 compared to 2017 are almost 3 times as much. It was pointed out that last year's hours were cut short due to the weather. Inside: Stayed busy. Lots of questions, gave away lots of bags. Carol surveyed vendors, and all were happy except 2. One asked for money back and one wasn't sure since they didn't sell much. We will give money back to the one who asked.
- **Seed Packets in house or NWF:** NWF was most popular but we still have more to give away.
- **Ranger Rick:** It was decided to keep him.
- **Entertainment:** Circus Kaput was good. Attracted lots of attention.
- **Volunteers:** Issue – a teacher didn't RSVP but still sent a dozen students and we didn't have enough for them to do. Some younger ones outside were not helpful. Must be HS or older for outside in the future.
- **2019 Date:** April 27th, 2019. Depending on mall status. Recycled Day will be at mall also.

VII. Signature Garden. Gary B. & Ram

Final copy is in and on City Web Site. Flyer can be front and back and the application will be stand alone.

VIII. Charlie Eagle /pollinator project at the parks office update

He will plant this weekend down at Parks Office. Tom will send pictures and updates.

IX. Honey Suckle Removal Date for late Fall at Conway Cemetery

TBD. Cub Scout Troop participated.

X. Old business: Library 9/10 – 21/2018; & YMCA 10/1 – 6/2018 Ed. Tables

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Oct. 3 Y Theater for Project Pollinator - Jeanne T made motion to discontinue this, and Donna seconded the motion. All approved. This is because of an embarrassing low turnout in the audience each year, consisting mostly of CCE members. We decided to put this project on hold for one year and reconsider with a new look at publicity.

Sat. Oct. 6 planting 3rd segment of Y's native garden - Tom will reach out to Denise Glass about their native garden. Tom will check to be sure it's being maintained.

IBH Eradications – **Sat. Oct. 20** Faust Park & Chesterfield Park – Jeanne T moved to keep this. It was seconded and approved by voice vote. Tom will check out the date of the 20th with Faust Park to confirm.

22nd Chesterfield/MO/America Recycles Event – **Sat., 11-3-18**, Central Park Drive-thru

*Y, Library, Faust Park, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts need to approve. Terry needs to confirm this with scouts. Tom will reach out.
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XI. New business

Su has an interested young adult from Earth Day she would like to contact and encourage to participate with our projects or on our committee as a youth ambassador. This was approved.

Jeanne T. suggested using a tool that Jean Ponzi talked to her about for the honeysuckle removal, so that Round Up would have to be used. She will investigate this further.

XII. Adjournment. 8:00 p.m.

Next Meeting: June 28, 2018, 6:15 P.M., City Hall