



MEETING RESULTS

Chesterfield Citizens Committee for the Environment

May 23, 2019, 6:00 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. Attendance sheet. Excused absences. Announcement: Donna P.

Call to order 6:00 p.m.

A. Present: Polly Rutherford, Darcy Capstick, Jeanne Clauson, Donna Pecherski, Lois Balance, Jeanne Tevlin, Su Ghosh, Debbie Callahan, Gary Budoor

B. City Liaison: Tom McCarthy Absent: Mary Klauke, Kari Johnson

C. Absent: Terry Grogan, Ram Kurapati, Laura Houck,

Announcements: Donna found our Master Manual from the history archives. Darcy: Clarice Huggins Global Pharmaceutical, Pfizer, INC, are applying to become certified with NWF.

Jeanne Tevlin asked that our meetings be officially listed as lasting no longer than one hour. Approved.

Discussion about the YMCA garden. We need to wait and see if they will keep up the garden, water it, children will paint rocks and add them. Su wanted to vote to support them. Donna proposed we wait and evaluate in October to see how the garden is taken care of. We decided to table it and give them a 2nd chance for now.

II. Approval of April 25th Meeting Results: a motion was made by Donna to accept the meeting results as presented and seconded by Debbie. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

III. Arbor Day: Highcroft celebrated Arbor Day with tree plantings and were joined by members of CCE and the City. Donna, Darcy, Laura, Tom, Jeff and Bull Durham were present. Planted two Tulip Poplars on May 3rd.

IV. Earth Day Review

- Trees: All given away. The trees were not labeled. We labeled them that morning. That made it kind of rushed. Suggestion to label them in advance next year.

- Vendors: Went well, although the vendors who are selling may not have sold that much. We will find out when the sign up goes out for next year. Over 300 customers came to the indoor area. Jeanne T. proposed that we reach out to the vendors to see if they were happy or not and ask for their input. Mary K will send out a follow up evaluation to get that information. Before we try to lock in the mall, we should check with the vendors.

- Jeanne C suggested that we have a card with our Earth Day info on it to pass out to vendors with date, location and time. This would be pre- flyer, like a “save the date”.

- Volume reports from Outside: 20 bikes, Habitat’s truck was half full, Teacher Recycle was 50 pounds, Republic Services 2000 lbs., MRC 2700 to 1200, Charity Sharity minivan full, Remains (not available), Pedro’s Planet (not available). 327 vehicles came through. Our volumes are down from last year. We’re discussing new ideas. Now, many communities as well as businesses are hosting recycling drives, which may explain our unusually low volume this year. Jeanne T tried to get the Crayola Markers Recycling take back program going and ran into a brick wall with Rockwood. We need to think outside the box. Perhaps more emphasis on businesses or schools. Suggestion to think of new ideas and discuss at next meeting.

- Photos (none available)

- MSD Bags: Debbie picked up bags from MSD. Only 20 or more bags were left. Chesterfield City Hall gave them away to employees.

- Cloth grocery bag giveaways: All given away except 6 out of 300, from Charity Sharity. Suggestion to publicize how they are made and by whom for educational value.

- Earth Day Seed Packets: They were a success. Kids and families loved them. The Library liked them for their tabletop as well and shared them with other libraries. Home Depot gave us boxes of free seed packets.

- Attendance 321 indoors, 327 outside

- Promotion: FB, newsletter, parks brochure, social media, West News Magazine, signs, posters

- Noon Conservation Honors: GS Troop did the flag ceremony, Darcy made announcements.

V. Parks Master Plan – Update (Tom) 50 or 60 attendees. Presentation is on the website. Go to: Website – Parks icon, click, left side in the Parks Master Plan.

VI. Compost Grant Donna, Gary, Debbie, Laura, City Hall, Girl Scouts: Laura and Donna did their compost presentation at Highcroft that morning. 30 or 40 kids were present. Wildhorse presentation was with Laura and Gary and they had about 100 people. River Bend presentation by Debbie and Laura with about 80 present; City Hall had about 70. We have met our requirements for our grant for the class and city presentations. We should have a planting at a different school next year. Possibly Riverbend for 2020 for Arbor Day. Jeff will contact them. The Friday before Earth Day usually works well.

VII. CFM Milkweed Grant (Tom): We need a date to plant the milkweed. Jeanne T is going to make a plan to go out to Railroad Park. Possibly next Thursday or Friday. We have 4 trays of milkweed plants that need to be planted. Darcy suggested Interpretive Sign which Tom said would have to happen later. Tom will send google map of where Railroad Park is. Can't drive in. **UPDATE: WAS CANCELED DUE TO FLOODING WEEK OF MAY 27TH. POSTPONED FOR NOW.**

VIII. Eagle Scout Pollinator/Bee Project: Tom is working with an Eagle Scout for a Bee Box location. Conway Cemetery Park most likely location. Scout project would be fencing, bedding and building risers for boxes with native seed plantings in front of it. A story will be done on this ES Project in the City Newsletter and maybe West News, to publicize for possibly more Eagle Scout projects.

IX. Blue Planet Green Challenge (Darcy, Su, JT): JeanneT. had not had time to review. Tabled to next month. Darcy and SU read it and approved of it, JT will review it and discuss before next CCE meeting. Perhaps have a 3-minute talk in front of City Council.

X. Parks, Recreation and Arts Report/ Envision Chesterfield –

- Policy Statement Report is out and online. Parks Plan and Envision Chesterfield had similar points.

XI. Honeysuckle Eradication Dates:

Terry Grogan Scout date? October 19th

Other locations (T) Tom suggested Central Park area, clear and put a trail in and native plants; Conway Cemetery has a large area there – that would be a huge undertaking; Wilson Park – 10 acres and most of it is honeysuckle. Put trail thru the woods. These are suggestions.

XII. Republic/Royal Oak numbers

REPUBLIC: Yard waste - 1168.00 (yards); Recycle 396.95 tons; Trash - 1023.64 tons

ROYAL OAK: 8.51 tons

XIII. Name Badges (Tom) New Parks Logo and CCE Logo. Name of Committee and our names. Tags will be ordered.

XIV. Attendance Requirements: Tom is concerned that many people aren't coming on a regular basis and requirements are listed as attending 50% of meetings. Maybe Terry should be Emeritus, since he's only made 1 out of 4 meetings. We'd like to be able to open the meetings up for membership for others. People who can't come often may be moved to Emeritus but may remain active and a part of CCE.

XV. Unfinished Business;

- Multi Family Development – Jeanne T/ Lois and #63 & #64 Green Teaming dates; Lois reported that New Multi Family Developments are required to have the waste bins for the tenants and teach them how to use them properly; The older ones do not have this requirement. We can give them the info for our Recycling Dates/Earth Day dates/Where and What brochure. There would be 9 MFD's to contact. Lois will contact them and or also send out info electronically. Lois will do this on her own time, as she can. No Green Teaming Dates were set.
- National Wildlife Federation and New Development Policy Statement update: Tom reported that there was a lot of discussion between City Council and Parks. Council doesn't want to add another stipulation requirement. Who will enforce? Once it's planted, who will do upkeep? It might look trashy. Suggestion to Table this idea for now. Perhaps not make it required, just suggested. Mary Ann Mastorakos (was present for a short while) suggested giving the businesses Kudos, certificates, balloons, pats on back, rah rah, to encourage them to do it, rather than require. Give them a

Spotlight in City Newsletter. Mention them more than once. Perhaps have a Native Pollinator goal/competition.

- 1. NWF Tour Bus 6/7/19; Will be handled by emails. In the afternoon, Tour will start at Faust Park, end up at Amphitheatre or Central Park. The bus will go past some of our certified areas for viewing.**
 - 2. NWF telephone conference update will be 6/11**
 - 3. School Yard Habitat Kit (Did not get to).**
- *YMCA Garden Layout handouts (D) (Did not get to).**

XVI. New Business: 11/2/19, Signature Garden Models Flyer (Did not get to).

XVII. Adjournment Meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Next Meeting: June 27, 2019, 6:00 p.m., City Hall

The Chesterfield Citizens Committee for the Environment will consider and act upon the matters listed above, and such other matters as may be presented at the meeting and determined to be appropriate for discussion at that time. PERSONS REQUIRING AN ACCOMMODATION TO ATTEND THE MEETING SHOULD CONTACT Ann-Marie Stagoski at (636) 812-9501, AT LEAST TWO (2) WORKDAYS PRIOR TO THE MEETING.