

MEETING MINUTES
Chesterfield Citizens Committee for the Environment
May 22, 2014, 6:30 p.m.
City Hall, Rooms #102/103

Committee Attendees: Darcy Capstick, Su Ghosh, Jeanne Tevlin, Scott Soucek, Jeanne Clauson, Ken Denson, Polly Rutherford, Terry Grogan, Bob Ernst, Donna Pecherski

Committee Absentees: Jeff Chapple, Ben Keathley, Patty Wiggins

Liaison Attendees: Libby Tucker, James Mello,

Guest Attendees: Chris Hartley, Director of Education, Butterfly House/ Missouri Botanical Garden (by telephone)

All agenda items were discussed. Necessary outcomes/actions are noted.

I. Call to Order/Agenda

- A. Attendance/Absences/Notices. May Gardening for Wildlife Tabletop Down 5/22; sign-up sheet for 6/2 at City Council and 6/21/14 Eberwein Park.
- B. E-Reports: 4/17/14 Minutes, A/W Republic, Abi/Bow (4/14- 22.439 tons); Board Certification Recommendation for Ms. Hlavety; NWF & CFM New Presidents; Earth Day Report.
- C. Laptop viewing: 1st Annual Family Native Gardening Grow-Off 2014; Earth Day 2014 Report.

II. “Sustainability by Design” Projects

- A. Partner: Director of Education, Chris Hartley, Butterfly House/Missouri Botanical Garden – *Making MONarch Metrics Matter MOre* at 18th America/Missouri/Chesterfield Recycles Event, Sat., Nov. 8, 2014. (5 – 7 min.)
Chris stated that they will do significant milkweed planting this year, and he will bring seeds to give away at our Recycles Day. Fall is the ideal time to get seeds in the ground. Jeanne Tevlin will also work with Chesterfield Elementary School to have them collect milkweed seeds for Recycles Day, if possible. We will have the Monarch Community Stewardship Scroll at Recycles Day for attendees to sign to keep an accounting for MONarch Metrics. We will determine the best location for the give-away and also give away our 5-Rs and 4-Ps brochures. {To be tentatively joined by Ozark Berry Farm, LLC (Grow Native!, Lil Collins); Chesterfield Elementary School for seeds; Taylor Creek Nursery (milkweeds); and CCE giveaway}
- B. Waste Hauling Contract Renewal Update – Libbey *A City committee, which includes Darcy on behalf of the CCE, is in the process of reviewing the contract extension with Republic Services. The current proposal will maintain the current rates through 2015, and then will have a 1.5% yearly increase beginning August 2015 through August 2020. The seventh year (2020-2021) residents will have no increase in rates. Residents will receive a FREE 65 or 90 gallon trash container. The proposal calls for trash containers to be added at bus stops, and pumpkins to be picked up FREE after Halloween with yard waste.*
- C. Grants – Darcy.
 - 1. Inquire about film/plastic wrap opportunities via partners: Dierbergs, Schnucks? Units from AW/Republic? Is there a market? *Lowe’s, Wal-Mart and Target will accept this material. These details will be added to our Chesterfield What & Where to Recycle Flyer to be updated for our Nov. 8 Event.*
 - 2. Community Stewardship Planting Event (MDOC Grant) – Sat., 6/21, 9 AM – NOON at Eberwein Park. Bring trowels, shovels. Native

- wildflower plantings. Girl Scouts. Need Boy Scouts. CCE sign-up sheet. *All CCE members are encouraged to come help plant.*
3. Discuss potential of battery collection event during October for Energy Awareness Month. Costs? *The cost is \$0.75 per pound, and the first five pounds are free. Therefore, it may make more sense for individuals to take their batteries to Batteries Plus. This will be added to our Chesterfield What & Where to Recycle Flyer to be updated for our Nov. 8 Event.*
- D. Care Bears/Blankets Metrics update (432 distributed plus 60 more to St. Luke's this Friday 5/23) – Libbey, Su, Darcy. Crisis Nursery – attending June 26 meeting. *Donna picked up three bags which were delivered to St. Luke's Emergency Unit. One lady is now responsible for the making of 500 bears in connection with Charity-Sharity! Polly will obtain a thank you card, and Libbey will draft an insert to include photographs of all deliveries through the last couple of years with thoughtful notations. Su will confirm by email the attendance of Crisis Nursery at our next meeting, and we will give them the bears and blankets. Then, it will be time to get more blankets and verify the count of bears in storage.*
 - E. First Annual Family Native Gardening Grow-Off Update – Darcy. *All twelve kits were picked up by Earth Day attendees after applications were completed. We have fourteen applications altogether.*
 - F. Recap of National Arbor Day Native Tree Planting, Fri., April 25. *All went well with the planting of the Serviceberry.*
 - G. 23rd Annual Chesterfield Earth Day Festival 2014 Critique – Everyone.
 1. Site/hours.
 2. Layout indoors *A concern is that if we have inclement weather in the future, there may not be enough room inside at Parkway West. Libbey will explore holding the event at Chesterfield Mall.*
 3. Layout outdoors. Re/cycle/mining vendors.
 4. Funds collected from Recyclers: \$154.72 Remains & \$500 MRC *We will have a balance of \$862 upon receipt.*
 5. Tree give away *Virtually all were given away. The few remaining were donated to Mr. Eric Lueders, our Partner at Parkway School District, for planting throughout the school system*
 6. Science Fair/STEMR Recap. – James.
 - a. Determine Awards to each top winner of two age groups. Present at City Council on June 2, 6:30 PM arrive; on at 7 PM. Sign-up Sheet. *The consensus of the Committee was not to give money as a prize. Instead, we will give a trophy or medallion, in addition to the certificate the winners received at Earth Day. A sign-up sheet for the meeting was circulated.*
 - b. Discuss continuation or modifying event? *We had much difficulty soliciting participants this year. Possibly another approach would be for the Committee to offer a Sustainability award at a local science fair. Su will touch base with some of the schools. This item to be discussed at future meetings.*
 7. Monarch Milkweeds Matter MOre in MO Update-Darcy. *All 96 milkweeds of two species were 'signed for.'*
 8. Volunteers, and volunteer forms? *The volunteers are certainly helpful and appreciated. However, some of our youth volunteers left their*

recycling stations a little early. We need to coordinate volunteers better and have more adults to supervise.

9. Discuss donation to Operation Food Search *Unfortunately, a majority of the food that was donated was expired and not usable by them. No motion was made on a cash donation. Libbey will check with them to see if they still want to partner on collection events since collections are consistently low.*

H. Report on BiodiverseCity St. Louis 5/7 Meeting – Bob. *Bob reported that he is on a sub-committee for public awareness and education. The sub-committee will survey municipalities to determine the environmental activities and actions that are being taken, as well as planned, throughout the region. One objective of BiodiverseCity will be to determine the role that they can play to facilitate environmental action throughout the region.*

L. Other. *Libbey reported the SHRED-IT will be at the June recycling event at the CVAC.*

III. Calendar:

- A. June 2 - Science Fair/STEMR Award Presentation at City Council 7 p.m.
- B. June 21- Native Wildflower Planting at Eberwein Park.
- C. November 8 - 18th America/MO/Chesterfield Recycles Event

IV. Next Meeting: June 26, 2014, 6:30 P.M., City Hall – Rms. # 101/2.