



Meeting Minutes Chesterfield Citizens Committee for the Environment
April 25, 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 at 6:06

Attendance sheet.

- A. Present:** Polly Rutherford, Jeanne Clauson, Darcy Capstick, Jeanne Tevlin Laura Houck, Lois Balance, Debbie Callahan, Su Ghosh, Donna Pecherski,
- B. City Liaison:** Mary Klauke, Kari Johnson
- C. Excused absences.** Gary Budoor, Terry Grogan, Ram Kurapati, Tom McCarthy

II. Approval of March 28th Jeanne Tevlin moved to approve the meeting results and seconded by Laura Houck.

III. Speaker – Megan Sexton, Leadership Trainee, Republic Services Megan was very interesting and had a very fact filled presentation and power point. She will be sending her presentation to Kari, who will make it available to all of us. Too many details to list in the minutes. I will say that their plant facility is in Hazelwood, Republic has 83 Recycling Centers in 39 states, and 190 Landfills. They use Single Stream Recycling and believe it's the best way to go for better recycling and customer satisfaction. Single Stream means: 2 bins: 1 for Recycling, 1 for Trash. The technology that Republic has allows them to still use single stream vs. dual stream. Since China has stopped accepting US recyclables, Republic has contracted to send mixed paper to Vietnam & Indonesia. That being said, 98% of their recycling is processed in the US. Republic has a New Auditor who will help them with contamination. Go to: "Recyclingsimplified.com" for lots of good recycling information. CCE Members approved reissuing the "What to Recycle" Stick-on Labels for the curbside Recycling Units to help improve uncontaminated loads by Republic. It was also suggested that any bill sent out by Republic to include some "did you know ...factoids about recycling" to help decontaminate our recycling loads.

IV. Parks Master Plan – Wed. May 15, 6 p.m. Council Chambers

V. Earth Day - May 4, 2019: CCE will be stationed as you enter Sears from the parking lot. We will be using the reception booth, and extra tables will be placed nearby. Trees will be by the door, just outside of the entrance. A list of all vendors will be given to all cars coming thru the Recycling, to encourage people to park and come inside. The Wood Carving will also be right outside the entrance. This will be a Decorative sculpture which will be placed in one of our city parks. As of tonight, there are no Girl or Boy Scouts for volunteers that day. **UPDATE:** Kari said they were notified after the meeting that there would be Girls Scouts for the Flag Ceremony.

- **Vendors:** 24 Indoor Vendors; All Outdoor vendors are set.
- **Master Reference guide** (For this and the other items for Earth Day, there was no discussion due to time restraints).
- **Earth Day Seed Packets**
- **Attendance**
- **Promotion:** 150 MSD reusable bags with ed. info. prestuffed are ready to be picked up. Debbie C. said she'd try to get them. * Charity-Sharity bags will be dropped off this weekend or early next week.

VI. Arbor Day: Highcroft Elementary on May 3 at 9:30 am

VII. Compost Program

- **Numbers:** Not discussed, see last month's minutes.
- **Power Point Presentation for Schools:**
 - Riverbend:** - Debbie will present and Kari or Mary will be there for support. Waiting on Riverbend to decide on which of 4 dates work.
 - Wildhorse:** - Gary will present May 8 or 9 to about 100 students.
 - Highcroft:** - Laura and Donna will present on May 3 at 8am.
- **Compost bins** will be delivered on the day of presentation.
- **Public Class Update, May 1, 2019 at 6pm: Council Chambers.** Need someone to present.
- **We need a committee member** to make the compost presentation to our City Council. Debbie will try to arrange her schedule so that she can present. If she cannot, we still need someone to present. We will send out an email to follow up on Debbie's availability.

VIII. **Honeysuckle Removal Dates: Faust Park / Conway Cemetery - No further information on this as Terry was not present.**

IX. **Recycling**

- **Republic/Royal Oak numbers:**
- **Royal Oak's tonnage for March is: 4.58 tons**
Republic: 651.00-yard waste/in yards; recycling - 341.49 tons, Trash - 830.98 tons

X. **New Business**

- **Monarchs and Pollinators Network Liaison: We got the David A. Risberg Milkweed Grant from CFM ! Will receive approx. 164 milkweed plants from Monarch Watch. The plan is to plant them in Railroad Park. Kari will accept the grant for us, the Monarch Watch will send the plants of 3 species. A subcommittee will get together and plan the planting. Jeanne Tevlin will contact Kari to get the details, then email everybody about meeting.**
 - Donna mentioned that Jeanne Clauson delivered some pollinator seeds to the Franciscan Sisters of our Lady of Perpetual Help, located in Kirkwood, and we received a very heartfelt thank you note from them. They will be planted at the farm in DeSoto (with the help of kids and families in the depressed area). They sell their produce at the Kirkwood Farmer's Market.
 - Donna also mentioned that San Francisco has begun a program where they compost 800 tons a food per day and turn it into biofuel for jets.
 - Before a council date can be set for presentation of #63 and #64, write-ups will be done.

XI. **Old Business**

- **Multi Family Development – Jeanne T and Lois: We will revisit this after Earth Day**
- **National Wildlife Federation**
 1. **NWF Tour Bus: No discussion on this.**
 2. **NWF Telephone conference update: Darcy stated she would be on the June 11 National Wildlife Federation national teleconference. The April 9th telephone conference was the first one we have missed since the city was certified, 15 years ago, and this was partly why we did not find out about the FREE Native Butterfly Garden Seeds/Schoolyard Habitat Kits until the week of April 15. We were able to nominate Highcroft Ridge Elementary School and they (EcoBud classrooms, teachers and principal) are very excited about the grant. The NWF Kits will be delivered mid-September. Darcy or City Staff has always been on these calls, but other committee members are welcome to call in.**
 3. **School Yard Habitat Kit: Highcroft Elementary has agreed to participate. See above.**

XII. **Parks, Recreation and Arts Report/ Envision Chesterfield –**

- **Milkweed Grant: This was covered in New Business**
- **2018 End of Year Accomplishment Report: This was tabled AGAIN.**
- **New Development Policy Statement: No discussion**

XIII. **Adjournment was at 7:33 p.m.**

Next Meeting: May 23, 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.