

# MINUTES

Chesterfield Citizens Committee for the Environment

April 19, 2018, 6:15 p.m.

## **\*\*Parks Office 17891 North Outer Forty\*\***

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

- I. **Call to Order.** Attendance Sheet. Meeting was called to order at 6:15.
  - A. Present: Polly Rutherford, Paul Travers, Donna Pecherski, Jeanne Clauson, Jeanne Tevlin, Su Ghosh, Ram Kurapati, Laura Houck,  
City Rep: Tom McCarthy, Mary Klauke, Kari Johnson
  - B. Absent: Gary Sriperumbudoor, Terry Grogan, Darcy Capstick, Council Rep: Ben Keathley
  - C. Visitors Present: Ashley Wiedner, Arjun Raaj Ray, Ayush Rishi Ray, Dr. Aniruddha Ray Chaudhuri
- II. **Approval of March 22, 2018 Minutes.** The minutes were approved.
- III. **Presentation Blue Planet Green Challenge** by Arjun Raaj Ray and Ayush Rishi Ray.

These young men had slide presentations from numerous Science Fair projects that were truly remarkable.

Arjun's experiments were related to reducing environmental pollution. His projects won awards from 6 national organizations. His volunteer work includes partnering with CCE, Academy of Sciences, and setting up a drinking water supply in an Indian school. His work has earned him the 2017 and 2018 Presidential Volunteering Award.

Rishi's environmentally related projects, experiments and activities were done in sponsorship with Lafayette HS. He is known as an ambassador of Environmental Stewardship doing presentations in Symposiums and Science Fairs in order to gain awareness of environmental issues and engage students, growers and educators. His projects gained recognition and awards from 6 National organizations, including NASA and the American Chemical Society. His volunteering projects include partnering with CCE, SLU and NWF.

Both Arjun and Rishi have been nominated to receive the Chesterfield Stellar Green Youth Award and will now be recipients of our Blue Planet Green Challenge Award. Arjun at the Innovator level and Rishi at the Leader level.
- IV. **Bags?**

Different bags, all different sizes. We need to let Charity Sharity rep know that we just need the size for groceries, and they need a rectangular bottom. There was a suggestion to use up plastic sleeve bags, and request that we don't need any more.
- V. **Signature Garden.** Gary B. & Ram  
This presentation was not made since Gary was not present.
- VI. **St. Louis County Pilot Project Grant** – Tom, Su  
Tom will send dates to everyone. For events, the containers will be rolled out on stage and explanation given as to directions for use. Food Trucks were called and requested no glass, and to use recyclable containers. Need volunteers/committee members to be present and help. First concert is June 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 6:30. Volunteers need to be standing at the bins. Be there

about 6:00. We will have recycling announcement on a sandwich board and sit next to food trucks and entrance.

Monday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, Tom and Su are going to St. Louis County Health for a workshop for applications for grants.

## **VII. National Wildlife Federation call– Tom**

### **A. 27th Annual Earth Day, April 28, 2018.**

- Marketing: E-Blast, brochure, newsletter, lighted sign at Central Park, West News Mag, and Facebook
- Conservation Awards: Noon Awards – We'll have Darcy's signature inserted and get Mayor Nation's signature, but he will be out of town. JT will present awards. (Update – plans were made to have Darcy's, the Mayor's, and also Tom's signature for these awards.)
- Habitat for Humanity: Not coming, we will have a truck and drop off items. Two maintenance staff will help there.
- Monsanto Bee boxes: They will have a bee presentation and have a table. Bee hotel – Tom will have helpers outside from Parks. Su can help inside.
- Bee craft project-inside material? Milkweed, straws
- Train tickets and Carousel-  
The tickets have been purchased. When they win a prize, their hand will be stamped so they don't claim duplicates. Every hour a new batch of tickets will be dumped in. We have a wheel that each kid could spin. Pictures will be on the wheel.
- Outside vendors-Mary  
New layout has been made. Should make everything go much smoother, and easier flow. Sandwich board signs. Volunteers directing.
- Indoor vendors- Mary  
40 tables reserved. 6 for CCE. Bee Table (2), Tree Table and Seeds, Flyers/Information,
- Seed Packets- Have been filled. Helpers were Laura, Polly, Jeanne, Su, Paul.  
Update from Jeanne:  
From 1/4 lb. of Cut Flower mix we have 122 packets  
From 1/4 lb. of North Central Wildflower Mix we have 118 packets

For next year we have labeled empty envelopes:

71 of Cut Flower mix

114 of North Central WF Mix

and we have 236 empty unlabeled envelopes remaining

- Ranger Rick was delivered today. Gary and two HS volunteers will be helping with RR. Passing out RR magazines and seed packets.
- Entertainment-Mary  
Haven't heard from bag piper, Circus Kaput, Conservation Awards, Live Bee Display
- Volunteer: Laura – trees, Su - M/C and CCE table, Paul – directing outside and emptying car trunks, Jeanne C. – CCE table, Donna – Bee Table and CCE table, JT – noon awards and outside for first hour (Floater).  
The Gupta family will volunteer, various volunteers from city committees, Jim Tevlin will be in charge of volunteer waivers. Key club volunteers. Two HS girl scouts will be presenting flags.

Jersey Mike Deli will be catering lunch. We have a room reserved. Bring your own water bottle – no plastic water bottles.

- Other: Tag trees at 9:00 am, Friday at Parks Building. Jeff will get paper towels and bags.

**VIII. Old business:** None

**IX. New business:** None

**X.** Anusurya Gupta will be awarded the **Stellar Green Youth Team Award** at City Council meeting.

May 5<sup>th</sup> – honeysuckle removal, Conway Cemetery 8:30 – noon.

**XI. Adjournment.** 7:35 P.M.

Republic; Royal Oak April, Yard Waste 542 tons, Recycling 389 tons, Trash 542 tons, Royal Oak 9.785 tons Su what is this number total tons for the year?

**Next meeting, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 6:15 P.M. City Hall**