



MEETING MINUTES/RESULTS

Chesterfield Citizens Environmental Advisory Committee

April 1, 2021, 6:00-7:30 p.m. – Zoom

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I. Call to order at 6:03 p.m.

In attendance Tom McCarthy, Darcy Capstick, Su Gosh, Jeanne Clauson, Susan and Paul McCool, Barron Rutledge, Lois Ballance and Jeanne Tevlin. Absent: Gary B, Susan M, Laura H, and Donna P. Announcements: We officially welcomed new members Paul and Susan McCool. For the meeting, Darcy sent information to all members on Republic's new flyers and the MDOC's invasive flora and MO Champion Trees.

II. Approval of Feb. 25, 2021- approved unanimously as written.

III. Elections of Darcy Capstick to Chair, Su Gosh to Vice Chair, and Gary Sriperumbudor as Secretary held and all unanimously elected.

IV. Old Business

A. Quarterly Conservation Education Calendar/Presenters UPDATES - Dir. McCarthy, Darcy

1. Arbor Days: MO 4/2 and National 4/30. Geoff W will prepare a presentation and it will be posted on the city's website. Darcy asked for the mayor to make an Arbor Day proclamation. Tom will update.

2. International Compost Awareness Week – 5/2-8/2021. Kari J. will present.

3. October is Chesterfield's Invasive Species Awareness Month, eradications TBD

4. Next city newsletter articles due date including months of coverage in newsletter? Due date is April 23, 2021. Not sure what months newsletter covers. Dir. McCarthy will advise Darcy.

B. 30th Annual Chesterfield Earth Day – April 24, 2021, 9 – Noon, Chesterfield Mall, updates - Dir. McCarthy, Darcy

1. 30th Annual Chesterfield Earth Day flyer with details/draft. **Tom to send the final version to the group.** Review re/ecycler - It was suggested that a list of specific items being collected and fees charged be added to the city's website for the short period of time necessary in April. Tom will see what was already sent to residents and ensure details get to residents. The re/ecyclers are: MRC, Bikes, Habitat for Humanity, St. Louis Teachers' Recycle Center, Remains, document shredding, food drive and our native tree giveaway, the Tree Guide 2021 for which will be posted.

2. 2021 Earth Day Tree Guide draft. - Su asked Tom to have the city's website updated to include more detailed information about the trees we will

hand out. To post the 2021 Tree Guide would be a good idea besides the 2020 Tree Guide for the leftover trees.

3. 2020 Earth Day Tree Guides need to be picked up along with other handouts and seeds. - Jeanne C. will take the bagged/tagged native flower seeds to Darcy's house for Dir. McCarthy to pick up with handouts.

C. Planning Logan Park native flora garden for Monarch Butterflies updates - Dir. McCarthy,

1. Work with Parks Landscape Designers on native butterfly-pollinator garden; approved medicine wheel concept.

2. Part 1: parking, playground, bathrooms. Part 2: garden. - Tom verified that the garden will be in phase 2 beginning next year.

D. NWF – Darcy, Dir. McCarthy

1. Garden for Wildlife magazines ordered for Earth Day. Received? Yes, Tom has 100 magazines to be handed out.

2. Next national telecon 4/13/21; Mayor's Monarch Pledge virtual signature due 3/31/21. - Tom reported that it was sent in early in March.

3. Mailed NWF Applications for Garden Habitat Certifications to new members. - The McCools have submitted their NWF Application.

E. Recycling: Republic for 2/21: Y – 103.0 cu. Yd.; R – 319.45 T; T – 778.26 T. Royal Oak: 1/21 - 3.8505 T, 2/21 - 1.13 T.

1. Updating an “older grid” for graphing volumes through time {see 2019 EOYear Results}. Finding “older grids” - Dir. McCarthy.

Graphing new data – Su.

Su showed a graph she modified reflecting the volume of trash vs recycled material collected by Republic. It reflected a consistent of about 25% recycled material pick up.

This is lower than in previous years and Republic stated that this difference is a result of the increase of carry out orders due to COVID19. Tom will try to find older graphs to

compare the numbers. Darcy asked if Susan Piazza could speak at one of our meetings for 15 minutes. She also pointed out that the weight of recyclables has gone down since many glass recyclables are now plastic. Su will graph the number for Royal Oaks for the next meeting.

V. Action Items:

1. CFM's 85th Annual Convention Report – Dir. McCarthy - Tom was unable to attend, however the convention was recorded so he will watch the speakers. Will update in future. Attendance was low.

2. CFM Affiliates Dues Notice update - Dir. McCarthy - Done

3. City's website updates: MDOC link for invasives - Dir. McCarthy - Updated on website 2-3 weeks ago.

4. “Getting to Know” update, our page – Su, Dir. McCarthy - Will be updated when our activities can continue.

5. Beekeeping write-up – Dir. McCarthy - Planning stage

6. Community Garden Group to maintain native gardens update – Dir. McCarthy - Negative due to COVID.
7. Posting of 3 NWF outdoor Certified Community WLife Habitat signs – Dir. McCarthy - Not yet, but Tom will follow up.
8. Planning Grant for Central Park Expansion – Dir. McCarthy - Had the first "resident input" meeting with SWT Design.
9. Updated invasive flora flyer/MDOC - Jeanne T - No need, website has great information.
10. CCEAC Brochure updates - Darcy - Edit will be done for next meeting.
11. NWF Application for Certification for Amphitheater's Native Garden Expansion status - Dir. McCarthy - Not yet.

VI. Unfinished Business – Jeanne T., Donna P.

1. City's website, our page undergoing City changes. Outstanding: links for invasive flora there, Gardening for Wildlife (out of order), our group photo (not there) - will update when possible, efilng NWF Applications - yes, BRMeans Closing the Loop (not there) - not appropriate to redo until after COVID, add NWF CCWLife Habitat Logo (Tom will do), Plastic Bags/decomposition rates (not there) - No, ¼ sheet 'Only YOU Can Prevent Plastics Pollution' (not there) - No, Chris H.: Native Bee Pollinators in your Garden & Nesting (2 p. not there), Nectar Plants for Butterflies/Host Plants for MO Butterflies (2 p. not there), and Butterflies and their Hosts (1 p. not there); updated Republic flyers, pending - Dir. McCarthy - will check with Courtney.

VII. New Business/Other. Next meeting Th., April 22, 2021.

1. Native Flora for Butterflies Kit update – Dir. McCarthy - Tom will pick up on April 12 and email us the choices for their use.
2. Monitoring our IBH eradication sites – Dir. McCarthy - Jeanne T and Jeanne C volunteered for this and will meet with Tom to get started.
3. Instructions from Jeanne T for locating MDOC site for invasive species AND Champion Trees – Applications are on MDOC site for Champion Trees. Vote to do Champion Trees through our city arborist, Geoff W. - Darcy - Susan and Barron volunteered to look at the trees in Ward 1. To be tabled until next meeting. Su volunteered to get history on the trees chosen. Tom will ask Jeff to write an article promoting the tree replacement program for trees removed due to the green ash borer. He said it will tie in nicely with the MO Bicentennial/MO Champion Tree effort.
4. World Water Day 3/22/21, "Water A Most Precious Resource" updated – on our page? Add to our calendar or not? - Darcy, Dir. McCarthy - Next meeting
5. "Friends of the Parks"/social media – Dir. McCarthy - Tom encouraged us to sign up for "Friends of the Parks" on the city website.

Calendar Actions Taken

1. International Earth Hour 3/27/21
2. Chris Hartley – Project Pollinator Partner, Butterfly House Presentation (flyer)
3. Susan Piazza – Republic updates and beyond Presentation (flyer)
4. National Wildlife Week – 4/6-10/21, Garden for Wildlife Month 5/21 - Beekeepers Present (flyer)
5. Spring invasive species awareness/eradication - cancelled due to Covid; resume in Fall

6. National Pollinators Week, 6/21-27/21; monarch-pollinators network – overlap with beekeepers and Butterfly House (flyer)

Pending Action Items

1. Eberwein Tree Walk {start 2022 for trail improvements} - Dir. McCarthy

2. Chesterfield W&W and BRMClosing the Loop Brochure updatings – on hold until Covid is over

Meeting adjourned 7:30pm. Next Meeting: April 22, 2021, 6:00 p.m., City Hall