



MEETING MINUTES

March 28, 2019,

Chesterfield Citizens Committee for the Environment

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. Meeting called to order at 6:03 p.m.

II. Attendance sheet passed around.

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

III. Approval of February 28th meeting minutes: Debbie Callihan approved minutes, Jeanne Tevlin 2nd.

IV. Policy Statement for New Development – vote

There was discussion regarding this. The CCE recommends for each New Development that they, in addition to the 30% native, natural greenspace buffer, add a National Wildlife Federation (NWF) Certified 'Native Flora for Butterflies' Garden (minimum 7' x 10' prefer sunny exposure), and post outdoors their NWF Certification Plaque. The Planning Department will be the agency to be sure all new development complies, if this policy passes all the levels to be implemented. Vote was taken. Yes votes: 11, No's are 0. This info will be turned into Mike Geisel. If all gets approved, it will become part of the policy for new development. See **Addendum 1** for more information regarding this New Development suggestion at the bottom of these minutes. See **Addendum II** for References and Bibliography to accompany our New Development Policy Statement.

V. Earth Day May 4, 2019 (28th Annual Earth Day)

- Vendors: Master Reference guide was passed around. Each CCE member was asked to contact about 10 vendors who have not responded.
- Of the 190 listed, only 15 have committed and paid. The following is information that could be relayed to the vendors: \$40 for a vendor for profit, and \$20 not for profit. We provide table and chairs, they need to bring table cloth, etc. Expect approx. 200 customers. Vendors get recognition, get to be a part of the Earth Day event. Support a good cause. Some profit from sales. Networking is a bonus.
- Earth Day Seed Packet Discussion Seeds have been picked up. Home Depot donated a lot, and Tom M. also ordered some native seeds in the 'cut flower' arrangement to be bagged and tagged.
- Charity Sharity - They are supposed to drop off handmade shopping bags for giveaways.
- Sears new owners will donate the use of their building for our indoor event. We will have a Bee Hive Table to use up the rest of Bee Hive supplies – Gupta family will work at Bee House table. Girl Scouts will present colors, help with Bee Hive houses, and help give out trees. Monsanto/Bayer will not be able to come to Earth Day.
 - *Kari will contact the Girl Scouts Leader Kim Montgomery.
 - *NWF "Gardening for Wildlife" magazines were ordered by Tom earlier this year for handouts.
 - *We will need copies of "Plastic Bags" Flyer.
 - *We will need duplexed copies of SGYouth Team AND BP Green Challenge both primary and secondary flyers.

VI. Compost Program

- Numbers: ordered 335, 254 have paid and 244 have picked up.
- Power Point Presentation for Schools: The original one given out has been revised. Kari will email them to us for review because we haven't seen them.
- Members making presentations need to go ahead and get dates set. The schools will be given a compost bin. We need to get dates set right away for grant compliance. We need a couple made before end of year, but September is fine for some presentations too, just need it on the books. We have updated composting fliers that will be emailed out to each of us.

- Public Class Update: **When? Need to promote and get on the books.** This will be given in the Council chambers.

VII. Honeysuckle Removal Dates

- Faust Park / Conway Cemetery (Terry was not present to discuss)
- April 6, Wilson Park. **Sign up and find out who will be there to help.** No Boy Scouts will be able to help. Jeanne Tevlin would like all volunteers to start at one place because committee will go behind them and get the roots and/or mark/spray paint them. Jeanne T is supposed to talk to Terry about that. Donna, Jeanne T and Laura and Terry will be there to volunteer.

VIII. Recycling

- Republic/Royal Oak numbers
1. Republic: Yard waste in yards - 205.00; Recyclables: 318.68 tons; Trash: 748.62 Tons (All of these are down from last year, same month).
 2. Royal Oak: 6.015 tons recyclables
 3. Flyer "Recycle Responsibly, "Stick with the 6": is going to go out to everyone in St Louis County, via St. Louis County Gov. Cities just must submit names and addresses. CCE and Republic contacted Chesterfield about this opportunity.
 4. Chesterfield What and Where Flyer 2019 has been updated and handed out.
 5. Mr. Herring's State of Recycling in Chesterfield Letter is still valid.
 6. Republic – Ms. Aguirre coming to speak April 25th meeting –questions emailed. The questions were emailed to everyone and hard copies were provided at the meeting.

- IX. Green Team Members** – #63 and #64 – vote: #63 is Susan Blanford of Teachers Recycling Center and Van Go. They have worked with us for over 20 years and Earth Days. They keep 10,000 pounds out of landfill every 6 months. #64 – Chesterfield UPS has been on what and where to recycle for years. They collect numerous Styrofoam and air pillows from the public to be reused there for insulating shipped items. Both were voted in as yeses.

- X. Multi Family Development** –Jeanne T and Lois: This is still being researched.

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

- March 30 – "Everything Green" 1:30
- Risberg Grant: Haven't heard from them.
- Marketing: In the Citizen it was listed as the wrong day. But plenty of advertisement is going out with correct date.
- **2018 End of Year Accomplishment Report Pushed back to next month AGAIN This has been the case since January.**

XII. New Business

NWF call is April 9th. Kari did not know who would be on it.
NWF Tour Bus Agenda and PR Piece was made available. Kari will make a Tour Bus Map for our visitors.
Library and YMCA Education Tables go up in April by Donna and Jeanne Clauson.

XIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Next Meeting: April 25, 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.

The members of the Chesterfield Citizens Committee for the Environment (CCE) respectfully recommend for each New Development that they, in addition to the 30% native, natural greenspace buffer, add a National Wildlife Federation (NWF) Certified ‘Native Flora for Butterflies’ Garden (minimum 7’ x 10’, prefer sunny exposure) and post outdoors their NWF Certification Plaque. This complements the community’s conservation actions for the biodiversity of native pollinators, especially migrating Monarchs; adds to our NWF Certified Community Wildlife Habitat in its 15th year of growth, and shows that the health of our natural habitat and its pollinator species has everything to do with ensuring our food quality and food choices into the future.

BACKGROUND NOTES

1. Native flora and underaddressed prairie wildflowers are those flora which help the biodiverse health of our butterflies/pollinators; in turn, these pollinators are responsible for insuring both native seed production and the seeds of many of our edible fruit and vegetable food choices. Smaller native birds help to distribute these native seeds perpetuating native ecology, a mighty natural world system inextricably linked to habitat and human health.
2. Throughout our community, families, city hall, city medians, schools, houses of worship, organization sites, business sites, and goodly segments of our Parks System have addressed and are addressing native flora for butterflies/pollinators gardens.
3. The 2014 – 2018 Million Monarch Garden Challenge and our Mayor’s Monarch Pledge illustrate that the 1,040,000+ native flora gardens established in these 5 years helped the migrating Monarch increase its overwintering numbers in Mexico approximately four-fold, and this bodes well for the biodiversity of pollinators.
4. New Developments joining our city, its people, their conservation and commerce actions by adding native plants, including native wildflowers, to their landscapes, to the Monarch’s flyway, and posting this commitment to our States’ first and only NWF Certified Community Wildlife Habitat, 9th in our Country, help the health of our habitat going forward.
5. Consideration by New Developments should be given to the US Green Building Council’s LEED Certification such that RGA and Pfizer are accomplishing, and to Bayer-Chesterfield’s Wildlife Habitat Council protocols.

ADDENDUM 2: 2019/CCE References and Bibliography for New Developments Policy Statement

1. Butterfly Gardening and Conservation, MDOC
2. Milkweeds and Monarchs, MDOC
3. Native Plants for your Landscape, MDOC
4. The Plight of the Pollinator, MDOC
5. Attract Butterflies, NWF
6. Pollinator Gardening, NWF
7. Working Trees for Pollinators, Agroforestry
8. Chesterfield’s 25th Anniversary Signature Garden Helps Pollinators, CCE
9. Grow Native! - - 3 layout gardens
10. Butterfly Gardening Tips and Facts, Butterfly House
11. Grow Native! For Sunny AND Shady Gardens
12. Grow Native! Native Plant Rain Gardens
13. National Wildlife Federation Application for Certified Wildlife Habitat Gardens
14. Agroforestry Notes: Improving Forage for Native Bee Crop Pollinators
15. Agroforestry Notes: Sustaining Native Bee Habitat for Crop Pollination
16. Without Plants We’re Toast, CCE

***MDOC – Missouri Dept. of Conservation

NWF – National Wildlife Federation

Grow Native! – originated in MDOC, now in Missouri Prairie Foundation

CCE – Chesterfield Citizens Committee for the Environment

Coincident to the foregoing, is the National Wildlife Magazine, 4 – 5/2019 issue which covers ‘gardening for wildlife’

Section 1 – gardening with native flora diversity for bee and pollinator havens

Section 2 – a plea for trees/reforestation

Section 3 – utilizing native flora to replace traditional lawns.

A copy of this issue is attached.