

MEETING MINUTES
Chesterfield Citizens Committee for the Environment
March 27, 2014, 6:30 p.m.
City Hall, Rooms # 101 - 2

Committee Attendees: Darcy Capstick, Su Ghosh, Ben Keathley, Jeanne Tevlin, Jeff Chapple, Scott Soucek, Jeanne Clauson, Donna Pecherski, Polly Rutherford, Ken Denson

Committee Absentees: Debbie Harrison, Bob Ernst, Terry Grogan, Patty Wiggins

Liaison Attendees: Libby Tucker, James Mello

Guest Speakers: Meredith McMIndes: Girl Scout Troop 2534; Mitzy Cruzen and Elizabeth Hlavarty, Chesterfield Elementary School

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

I. Call to Order/Agenda

- A. Attendance/Absences/Notices. *Sign-Up Sheet for National Arbor Day and Earth Day* March Tabletop down 3/27.
- B. E-Reports: 1/23/14 & 2/27/14 Minutes, A/W Republic (*not yet available*), Abi/Bow (2/14- 19.265 tons); CFM/Affiliate Membership renewal; St. Luke's ER presentation. Article in National Wildlife World Edition 4, 5/2014 Magazine: "The Buzz about Bumblebees" & "Communities Gone Wild" - Chesterfield was selected to be mentioned among other Certified Communities.
- C. *Laptop viewing:* Youth in Science/Tech./Engineering/Math/Robotics Earth Day Competition 2014 Applications; Earth Day Flyers; International Earth Hour (3/29/14); 1st Annual Family Native Gardening Grow-Off 2014.

II. "Sustainability by Design" Projects

- A. Community Stewardship Team Partners
 - 1. Mitzy Cruzen, Teacher, Chesterfield Elementary School/NWF Schoolyard Habitat Site - presentation (10 min.) *Mitzy and Elizabeth are 5th grade teachers who have incorporated environmental activities into their curricula—"No Child Left Inside". They described their activities which include various environmental readings and writings, as well as practical projects on their 20 acres of land. Also included are relevant field trips. They have community partnerships with Home Depot and NWF. They will participate in our Earth Day. They asked for the City's help to lengthen their sidewalk which will much better facilitate hiking and biking through their 20 acres of plant and animal habitat. CCE presented the Grant Fund Check for \$85.00 to Elizabeth and Mitzy; this will help them complete their outdoor bulletin board. (Photos by Jeanne Tevlin).*
 - 2. Meredith McMIndes, GS Troop #2534 Leader, Girl Scouts: Bear Project, Earth Day-Flag Ceremony, Arbor Day, Community Stewardship Grant/6/21 – Eberwein Park. *Meredith described some of the troop's current environmentally oriented projects with the Committee. She presented a letter from the Troop committing their responsibility to the Care Bears. The Troop will help again with various activities at this year's Earth Day. (Photos by Jeanne Tevlin).*
- B. Table Displays in City Hall Lobby – Future Topics & Dates *The Earth Day tabletop will be up from April 14-25. We will put up a Garden for Wildlife tabletop in May (May 8-22).*
- C. NWF Update – Darcy – 9th Recertification Obtained *This month's national conference call was not held due to their reorganization. The recertification Certificate will be presented to the Mayor at Earth Day.*
- D. Grants – Libbey, James, Darcy.
 - 1. St. Louis County/DOH/Waste Mgmt. Batteries update. *No update yet.*
 - 2. MORA/KAB Public Space Recycling Application update. *We did not receive the grant.*
 - 3. MDOC Community Stewardship update – Spring planting Sat. 6/21 at Eberwein Park in AM. (9-12) Bring volunteers; need Boy Scouts; Girl Scouts invited. *Sign-Up Sheet at May meeting.*

4. MO Prairie Foundation Grant – Chris Hartley, Dir. Of Ed. /Butterfly House Plan update. *Waiting to hear about the status of the grant. Mr. Hartley reported on future 2014 opportunities with us, and he will be representing BiodiverseCity St. Louis perhaps with another Team Member from MO Botanical Garden at our Earth Day.*
- E. Care Bears/Binkie Blankets Metrics update – Libbey, Polly, Darcy. *We continue to facilitate the donations.*
- F. PRCAC 3/8/14 report – Darcy. *The Park and Rec will be hiring a person to handle social media. Included in the Spring 2014 P & R Guide is the NWF's Great American Campout June Staycation opportunity.*
- G. First Annual Family Native Gardening Grow-Off update – Darcy, Bob, Ad Hoc. Committee members. *There is a Missouri Native Flora Landscape in the outdoor backyard of the Butterfly House, which is a NWF Certified Schoolyard Habitat Site.*
 1. FOR EARTH DAY - 12 Kits to include: in reusable folders with logos/title – 2 applications, 5 native plants descriptions (prepared by Jeanne C), 25th Anniversary Signature Garden Helps Pollinators, the 4Ps Make Chesterfield a Better Place, Sustainable Gardening Flyer, NWF Application, Stellar Green Youth Team Application. To Be Prepared when - - at City Hall? *Donna and Darcy will assemble the kits on April 9 at noon at city hall.*
- H. National Arbor Day Native Tree Planting, Fri., April 25 at Eberwein Park, 4 P.M. Bring trowels/shovels – see sign-up sheet - Libbey, Darcy.
- I. Earth Hour 3/29 flyer update – Su G. *The final revision was shown. Su asked for improvement suggestions for next year's flyer. This flyer has been emailed to Chesterfield Elementary School. Su incorporated the Blue Planet's GREEN Challenge and the SGYouth Team opportunity on this flyer.*
- J. 23rd Annual Chesterfield Earth Day Festival 2014: Sat., April 26, 2014 – update – everyone. 8 – 9 AM Set-Up. Opening 9 AM indoors.
 1. Verification of native trees/woody shrubs for Tree Guide DRAFT review *Libbey and Pam are working on the tree guide. Mindy is bringing the labeled Tree Buckets, but we do not know if she will be attending Earth Day.*
 2. Discuss Vendor and tree give away layout. *James showed the layout. There were no issues. He will be adding vendor locations on this layout for our next meeting.*
 3. Native flora &/or native + cut flora seeds 'bagged.' –Donna/Jeanne *We need to coordinate with Libbey to get lists and instructions. The plan is to bag the seeds on April 13.*
 4. STEMR Contest Update: Youth applying to date? -James *Two applications have been received to date. James will attempt to locate last year's participants and ensure they are asked to apply. All of us are requested to solicit participants.*
 5. RE/Ecyclers and Collection vendors verified. Layout DRAFT due 3/27 meeting. Need some layouts indoors. *James presented the layout and he will be adding the re/ecycler and collector locations on this layout for our next meeting.*
 6. Monarch Milkweeds Giveaway Update – Darcy
 - a. Received at City Hall April 24/25 - Jeanne C and Darcy will take care of ap. 3 trays. *The city ordered them to arrive the 23, 24 or 25.*
 - b. Scroll Page Sheet DRAFT - Donna P., Ben K., Bob E.
 - c. Needs: clipboard, pen tied with string...
 7. Stellar Green Youth Team Report & Ceremony Info– Scott. (New-5; Recertified-6; Total: 58) *Scott reported that we will be recognizing 11 youths at Earth Day and Scott will give an overview of the program at Opening Ceremonies.*
 8. CCE Display Area: Grow-Off Applications & Kits, Milkweed Plants/Scroll, Girl Scout Silver Award Book & other information. *We will need what is comparable to 2 tables.*
 9. Volunteers needed at CCE Stations: Tree Giveaway (2), CCE Info Area (2-3): Recycling Drive-Thru Area (2-3). *The Sign-Up Sheet broke this down into 2 times for each station: 8 AM - 11 AM; 11 AM - 2 PM.*

- 10. Opening Ceremony, 9 AM – GS Troop 2534 Flag Ceremony, Thank-you's, 9th Achievement of NWFPC Goals to Mayor, NEW SGYT Awards & Recertifying Stellar Green Youth Certificates, Perry Eckhardt MDOC Award to Mindy Mohrman, City Arborist. *Scott will provide SGYT introduction and background.*
- 11. Volunteers, and volunteer forms?
- K. BiodiverseCity St. Louis update – Bob. *Darcy provided an update wherein Missouri Botanical Garden/BiodiverseCity St. Louis said the inputs we provided had value and they thanked us.*
- L. Alternative April Meeting Day (26 vs. 17) *April 17*

Other.

III. Calendar:

- A. Earth Day tabletop display at City Hall up 4/14; down 4/25
- B. National Arbor Day Tree Planting at Eberwein Park, Friday, April 25, 4 PM
- C. 23rd Annual Chesterfield Earth Day 4/26/14; Youth in Science Competition.
- D. Gardening for Wildlife Month 5/8-22

Next Meeting: April 17, 2014, 6:30 P.M., City Hall – Rms. # 101/2.