

MEETING MINUTES
Chesterfield Citizens Committee for the Environment
March 25, 2010, 6:30 p.m.
City Hall, Room # 102-3

Committee Attendees: Darcy Capstick, Jeanne Clauson, Rachel Eilbott, Terry Grogan, Donna Pecherski, Scott Soucek, Ted Slap, Jeff Chapple, Debbie Harrison, Ben Keathley, Ken Denson

Committee Absentees: Polly Rutherford

Liaison Attendees: Libbey Malberg, City Council Member Matt Segal

Visitors: Laura Tabat, Arie Kaplan, Julie Hudson, Sue Blandford

***Note:** All agenda items were discussed; necessary outcomes/actions noted. The separately delivered Project Updates and Literature/References are incorporated by reference into these minutes.*

I. Call to Order/Agenda – Darcy. (6:32 PM)

A. Sign-in.

B. Welcome Info:

1. Sign Up Sheet: a) National Arbor Day Tree Planting; b) Copying of Display Materials; c) Earth Day
2. Handouts: Busy Hives, but hives are besieged, diseased.
3. Welcoming of two new members **Debbie Harrison and Ben Keathley**
4. Recognition of visitors: Ms. Laura Tabat & Arie Kaplan, Junior Chamber Int'l; Ms. Sue Blandford/St. Louis Teachers Recycle Center; Messrs. Veenstra, Boy Scouts; **Julie Hudson, NEP River Operations**

C. Approval of Minutes – Ken. ***Minutes of February 2010 meeting not available.***

II. “Mainstreaming Green” Projects: Discussions/and-or Actions.

A. Presenters: I. Solar Power St. Louis Project - Laura Tabat & Arie Kaplan, Junior Chamber Int'l (10 min.) ***Laura Tabat described the project Junior Chamber International has embarked on for promoting the adoption of solar power.***

II. Sue Blandford, St. Louis Teacher's Recycle Center (5 min.) ***Described the operation of the Center and location in Chesterfield Mall. She thanked CCE for helping her with the grant that was awarded.***

B. St. Louis Community College – Wildwood: Sustainability Day Planning Committee – Ben. ***Ben Keathley has volunteered to be the CCE representative on the planning committee for the Saturday, October 16, 2010 event.***

C. Update on Nat'l Wildlife Federation Telephone Conference of 3/15 – Darcy. ***There are now 47 Registered and 36 Certified Community Wildlife Habitats nationwide. The NWF is developing a sign, similar to the Tree City USA sign, which can be purchased and posted in communities that have achieved certification as a Community Habitat.***

D. National Arbor Day: Fri., 4/23/10, Dierberg Park, – Libbey. ***Planting time has been changed to 4:30 PM.***

1. Boy Scouts and Lead from Dan Dornseif - Terry
2. City Arborist's recommendation – Libbey ***Considering changing the planting location to Chesterfield Central Park, from Dierbergs***

Meditation Park, due to greater available space for planting trees. Still to be determined.

- E. Approval on Updated CCE Brochures – Darcy ***Suggestions are still being gathered.***
- F. 19th Chesterfield Earth Day: Water's Where It's At!!! Sat., April 24, 2010, Central City Park, 9 AM – 2 PM
1. Plan for Opening Ceremony - Air Horn, Earth Day Flag Posting, Speakers - Darcy.
 2. Two "Tree Day" street signs to be posted by St. Louis County– Darcy
 3. CCE Tabletop, Handouts and Pavilion Manager – Donna.
 - a. CCE Tabletop Crew – Jeanne, Scott, Polly
 - b. Theme Sheet/Water Bottle Giveaways and Stellar Green Youth Team Manager – Scott.
 1. Water bottle assembly report – Scott, ***All bottles to be given away were "stuffed" with water brochure in about 45 minutes by the Boy Scout volunteers.***
 4. CCE Tree Giveaway – Ken, Tree Manager; Debbie, Handouts Manager. Label trees, reusable bags for trees, Tree Guides, other handouts (coordinate with Donna) – Darcy.
 5. Trucks-Street Side Managers (includes spacing of vehicles and any borrowed tables from city) - Rachel, Ben – Darcy.
 6. Tents Street Side Managers (includes spacing of tents and any borrowed tables from city) – Ted, Jeff – Darcy.
 7. MISC Duties:
 1. Reusable bags for trees (Ken)
 2. Copying of display materials (sign up)
 3. Number of easels needed? - (Donna) ***No easels are to be used. Materials will be attached to posts in the pavilion area.***
 8. Re/e-cycle Coordinator for truck placements/signage on trucks – Darcy
 9. Boy Scouts and Other Youth Volunteer Work Stations
 - a. Release Forms Plan – Terry – All BSA Volunteers Manager; Polly – Other Youth Volunteers Manager – Libbey, Terry, Polly, Darcy.
 - b. Scout & Youth Stations Work Plan Handout – Terry, Darcy.
 10. Food Vendor Update – Libbey, Jeff. ***Chick Fila, Vega Deli, and Boy Scouts will sell food/beverages/snacks.***
 11. CAPY Med's Take-Back Program Update – Libbey.
 12. Set Up: Need Your Help! 7:30-7:45 a.m. Arrival – Libbey.
 13. CCE Members 'fill-in' as necessary for each other! We are the Hosts for Earth Day – everyone.
 14. Other. ***a) Ted Slap showed the design of the new reusable Recycle Drive signs. The Committee thanked him for the updated, reusable poster!***
b) Jeanne Clauson passed out information on Seattle's recycling and collection.
c) There was an extended discussion initiated by Council Member Matt Segal on the advisability of allowing Parkway School District, which was already a confirmed exhibitor, involving Parkway students, to exhibit at Earth Day and receive a national award. The context is

that the City is in dispute with Parkway over the Material Recycling Facility operated on the Parkway Central High School campus. The dispute is over the quality of life impact of the MRF's operation on the surrounding Chesterfield neighborhood.

A motion was made to dis-invite Parkway from Chesterfield Earth Day. Motion defeated.

A motion was made to allow Parkway to exhibit at Earth Day and to receive their recycling award, but to disallow them from discussing the operation of their on-campus recycling facility. Motion passed.

G. Other.

III. Calendar

***Earth Day Annual Recycle Drive: Dierbergs Market Place, 4/17 – 25 (Jeff C.)**

***National Arbor Day Tree Plantings, 4/23, after school, Dierbergs Meditation Park – rain or shine**

***19th Chesterfield EARTH DAY, Sat., 4/24, Central Park, 9 AM – 2 PM; set-up 7:45 AM – 8:45 AM/OPENING at 9 AM**

***July Honor Reception for Stellar Green Youth – or letters with certificates**

***Sat., Oct. 16, Sustainability Day at SLCC – Wildwood Campus; tabletop TBA**

**IV. Next Meeting: May 27, 2010, 6:30 PM, City Hall – Room #102/3.
(Adjourned 8:29 PM)**