

MINUTES

Chesterfield Citizens Committee for the Environment
March 22, 2018, 6:15 p.m. City Hall, Rooms #102-3

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

I. Call to Order. Attendance Sheet. Excused Absences.

- A. Present: Polly Rutherford, Jeanne Clauson, Su Ghosh, Jeanne Tevlin, Laura Houck, Paul Travers, Terry Grogan
City Rep: Tom McCarthy, Mary Klauke
B. Absent: Darcy Capstick, Ram Kurapiti, Gary Budoor, Donna Pecherski
Council Liason: Ben Keathley

II. Approval of February 22, 2018 Minutes.

They were unanimously approved upon certain corrections.

III. Citizens Committee for the Environment Updates:

There was talk about increasing the numbers to 17. With our committee changes, we can get more done, with more members. Name changed to Chesterfield Citizens Environmental Advisory Committee. Can still keep name of CCE.

We fall under Parks, Recreation and Arts. Chair can serve for 4 consecutive years, then needs someone else to chair. After 2 years that same person can come back to chair. This gives others a chance to chair. We will have the power of Parks, Recreation and Arts Committee to help us do more and make an even bigger impact on our community. We can do more programs and events without going thru the Council and other channels. The committee expressed their opinion that we didn't particularly like the way these changes were handled, without letting us know, and without asking us for any of our own opinions and input. Our budget will still be under the general fund. Tom suggested we attend the Parks, Recreation and Art Committee Council, to be further involved.

IV. Agenda/Announcement –Tom.

- A. Republic; Yard Waste 238 tons , Recycling 332 tons, Trash 760 tons; Royal Oak 8.49 tons

V.

- A. **Signature Garden. Gary B. & Ram** Neither Gary or Ram were present, so this was skipped.

B. ST. Louis County Pilot Project Grant – Tom, Su

There will be No rap. Only 1½ minute presentation about blue bin, and someone explain what we're doing with the different bins. This will be done at the amphitheater before each event. It will be Food Trucks, not our regular concessions. We will get posters; we will talk to the vendors to see what they are selling and what containers they are using; we can encourage them to use recyclable containers. Styrofoam may be cheaper, but we will suggest they use paper and recyclable products. There are 26 new blue recycle bins. The signs that we made are very explanatory for what and where to recycle, even if someone can't read.

C. National Wildlife Federation – Tom

Tom filled out another survey so we should be getting some additional seeds. We will decide where and how they will be used for giveaways, or perhaps "grow" some for giveaways at i.e.: Arbor Day, November Recycles Day, etc.

D. Bears, Blankets discussion- Tom

- Charity Sharity corrected the beads and buttons on the Bears, and made the bags larger for the grocery bags. Bears and bags were just delivered today so there was no count. We need to ask for the amount we want to be stuffed, so we have the right size for filling the bags. Tom will check with them. We talked about having only one person to be our contact at Charity Sharity. We may ask the Charity Sharity person making the deliveries, or their contact “person” to come to our retreat.

UPDATE ON NUMBERS:

Bears 240

Blankets 13

Bags 121

Bag sleeves 86

E. 27th Annual Earth Day, April 28, 2018

- Marketing
3X6 Banners are made (3 of them). They will be placed at Long and Airport, Chesterfield Athletic Complex, and Wildhorse and Parkway. They will be put up about 3 weeks out.
We have a Digital ad on a Billboard which will be at Weidman and 141.
5 Posters will go at Mall and 1 large one at Vintage Market Days
Facebook ad so far has reached 2600 people. It's in Brochure and City Newsletter, and West Magazine
St. Louis Kids Out and About Website, Amphitheater website
- Conservation Awards at noon:
They are listed. The honorees will get The Bee Boxes and a certificate.
- Habitat For Humanity
They are not able to come to Earth Day. They are moving and reorganizing their warehouse. Tom offered to collect the items and deliver to Habitat. This will keep people who bring their wares to dispose of happy and keep items out of the landfill. (Suggestions: use freecycle website, and Chesterfield can promote in brochure to tell people to save their stuff during their remodeling projects, for Habitat.
- Monsanto Bee boxes
Having a table top. Bee guy is giving a presentation. Will have a live hive with him. They gave us 50 boxes.
Bee craft project-inside material?
Tom will give JT and JC some of the PVC pipes so they can determine how much stuff they have and still need to stuff the beehives with.
Laura and JT will meet to figure out inside filling.
- Train tickets and Carousel- How is this going to be handled
They asked that we buy them 2 weeks in advance. We need a W9 form from them.
- Outside vendors-Mary
Pedro's Planet will need help unloading paper and put it in bin. Will need 2 extra volunteers. They will have 2 trucks and one man per truck. All other vendors are set.

- Indoor vendors- Mary
Discussion that the possible vendors scouted out at the craft shows, are not included in the list. Jeanne will find and resend to Mary & Tom.
- Seed Packets-Date to fill?
We need to print out planting instructions. JT has two big packets. North Central Wildflower Mix is new this year. Local seeds. JT will give Tom some dates and get the info out via email. Looking at 2nd week in April. Possibly the 11th.
- Ranger Rick
Tom will check
- Entertainment-Mary
It's listed. Some were already booked. No stage. We'll be more in center, near carousel. Spread out vendors more and open it up.
- Volunteers: Terry G. will check for BS volunteers. It might not be the same weekend as the Camporee. Terry will check and let Tom know. **(Tom reported the next day however, that it IS the same weekend.)**
GS will be setting up early (#1050 will have 5 -7 girls), helping with opening ceremony and flag ceremony. Su will be in charge of outdoor vendors.

VI. Old business

Arbor Day planting 2 trees at Highcroft. Students will help. Jeff, the Arborist will line it all up. April 6th is the planting date. UPDATE – NEW DATE: April 18 at Highcroft Elementary School starting at 9:30am, 15380 Highcroft Dr. The City Arborist Geoff Wegrzyn and the fourth and fifth grade class will be assisting.

VII. New business

VIII. Adjournment

Next Meeting: April 19, 2018, 6:15 P.M., Parks Office