



MEETING MINUTES

Chesterfield Citizens Committee for the Environment

February 28, 2019, 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. Called to order 6:02 PM
- II. Attendance sheet passes around
- III. Attendance:
 - A. Present: Polly Rutherford, Jeanne Clauson, Donna Pecherski, Jeanne Tevlin, Darcy Capstick, Terry Grogan,
 - B. City rep: Kari Johnson, Mary Klauke
 - C. Absent: Tom McCarthy, Laura Houck, Gary Budoor, Ram Kurapati, Lois Balance, Su Ghosh, Debbie Callihan, Paul Travers is no longer a member. Ian Wrobel has moved from Chesterfield
- IV. Approval of January 24th meeting minutes: Approved by Jeanne C. and seconded by Donna. However, we never got the Year End Report Matrix, which was promised at December's and January's meeting. The 2018 Matrix is still being finalized.
- V. Items from Darcy's Added Agenda:
 - A. NWF Conference in St. Louis: The conference will be held the week of June 3rd On Friday, June 7th, Director Fitzgerald will bring a bus from the Sheraton to Chesterfield. CCE members are invited to join the bus or to just aid the visitors at the various NWF Certified sites. * (See Addendum #1).
 - B. There has been a 4-fold increase in overwintering Monarchs in Mexico since 2014. We saw a nice video concerning this. Darcy would like to see us encourage builders/developers/businesses/MFDU's to show their commitment to our community and pollinator efforts by establishing native flora butterfly gardens. *(See Addendum #2)
- VI. CCE Guest and protocol for meetings:

March 28th Joell Aquirre, the new Municipal Sales Manager from Republic will be our guest. **(UPDATE – THIS VISIT HAS BEEN MOVED TO APRIL)** We will have specific questions ready for her. She will have 20 minutes to present, and there will be approx. 5 or 10 minutes for questions. She will have handouts and will join us for our May 4th Earth Day.
- VII. Earth Day May 4, 2019
 - Updates:
 - Location: Lower lot between Sears and Macy's will be used for outside Recyclers. Contract is signed. Vendor booths and Entertainment will be located inside the empty Sears store from 10:00 – 2:00. This year we will have a tree carver with a chain saw. Wood Den (www.wood-den.com) is the company. Our giveaway native trees will be distributed outside under the Sears awning, next to the entrance. It is the hope this will entice people to come inside.
 - JT suggested that we promote it as more of a craft fair. Marketing in West News Magazine, Chesterfield Citizen, Big Sign in front of Sears, and the Chesterfield City Website, and the Parks App.
 - Earth Day Seed Packet Discussion: We have enough seed packets this year. Do not need to order any. Home Depot donated a lot of seed packets. Some are not native, and it appears the seed packets are veggies and annuals, not native flora seeds, but we need to unload them, so we will not be ordering or bagging any seed packets this year.
- VIII. Compost Program
 - Numbers requested 336, paid 236, picked up 224, remaining 14; CCE members were asked if anyone who didn't order one, would like one.

- Power Point Presentation for Schools was completed and updated by Kari. We viewed it and it was great.
- This presentation needs to be offered to all our 11 Chesterfield schools, but at least 2 for our Grant qualifications by the end of the year. So far, we have: Donna and Laura volunteered to present the PowerPoint for Highcroat; Debbie Callahan for Green Trails and Riverbend; Gary Budoor for Wildhorse, dates TBD individually. Kari will be emailing a list of schools and phone numbers to us. She will be available to help members at schools. Principals may want to preview the program to determine the audience grouping.
- Public Class Update Will be at City Hall. Date TBD.

IX. Honeysuckle removal dates

- Faust Park: Terry said that Order of Arrow boys want this as an annual program. October is the target date. Will get us a date.
- Conway Cemetery
- April 6, Wilson Park: Terry will try to get Scout volunteers for this also. We can't set Conway date until we set October date for Faust. We will spray with Stump Rot, and Kari will check this with city staff. Terry said that Scouts cannot do the spraying, and the same with youth volunteers.

X. Recycling

- Republic/Royal Oak numbers:
- Republic reported: 488 yards of yard waste; 384.67 tons of recyclables; and 971.24 tons of trash
- Royal Oak reported: 7.91 tons of recyclables
- MFDU update (Lois and Jeanne T) Lois talked to Jackie (manager at Baxter Crossing). Will discuss with head at business office in O'Fallon. They use Republic Services and talked to them to get it started. JT will contact Village apartments, but first we will finish up Baxter Crossing. Donna will contact Lois to follow up. It was decided to finish up with these two MFDU's before contacting any new units.
- Table top information, YMCA, Sachs Library (Jeanne Clauson and Donna); YMCA April 1 – 12th, Sachs Library 15th – 26th.
- All set for table tops. Photos will be taken of each set up.

XI. Parks, Recreation and Arts Report/ Envision Chesterfield

- A.** More events and programs have been added for Parks and Rec. We're renting out the Amphi Theater more, 6 more tournaments at CVAC, volleyball tournaments added as well. These are starting soon and going thru November. We are not contracting out for our Aquatic Center, we are doing it all ourselves. More Senior Programming, educational seminars and trips. Senior Sampler at Bonhomme this year instead of the YMCA on Tuesday, April 2nd.

Parks Master Plan Meeting will be May, the week of the 13th.

- B.** ENVISION Chesterfield planning and meetings are ongoing. Planapalooza will be held March 27 – April 3rd.

XII. Volunteer Dinner will be held Tuesday, March 5th at the Doubletree. RSVP's requested.

- XIII.** Kari's list of "Did You Know" items from CCE Members is growing. Kari is saving and organizing them. Will be submitted to Chesterfield Citizen Newsletter, FB, Twitter.

XIV. Green Team numbers 63 & 64 Recommendations – moved to March for discussion.

XV. Adjournment at 7:10 PM

***ADDENDUM #1** (Per Darcy): Director Fitzgerald will be bringing a bus from the Sheraton Westport to Chesterfield on Friday, June 7, after lunch. CCE members will be located at the various NWF Certified sites to aid the visitors (might travel on the bus): Faust Park, Butterfly House, NWF 1st Schoolyard Habitat, Grow Native Demo Garden, Gov. Bates Prairie; Dir. Francis will help with the rest of the park; City Hall, the bus will pass the YMCA and the Library, Amphitheater, & Central Park. The visitors will be viewing our NWF Certified Areas.

***ADDENDUM #2 (Per Darcy):** There has been an approximate four-fold increase in overwintering Monarchs in Mexico since 2014, and this was the beginning of the Million Monarch Garden Challenge, in which we took part. There have been 1,040, 000 + gardens thru 2018, the end of the challenge period. Our Mayor signed the Mayor's Monarch Pledge and was in the upper tier. This was a part of what we did along with the other gardens NWF Certified during this time. We would like to encourage new builders/developers/businesses/MFUDU's to show their commitment to our community, commerce and conservation (pollinators) efforts by establishing native flora butterfly gardens and getting them NWF Certified, so they can post their NWF Certification outdoor signage showing their commitment to Chesterfield. This would be in addition to other requirements they must meet in order to build and/or be established in Chesterfield.

Next Meeting: March 28, 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.