

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

I. Call to Order/Agenda

A. Attendance/Absences/Notices. March Tabletop/up 3/10, down 3/27.

Committee Attendees: Darcy Capstick, Ben Keathley, Bob Ernst, Jeanne Clauson, Ken Denson, Patty Wiggins, , Donna Pecherski, Polly Rutherford, Jeanne Tevlin, Jeff Chapple

Committee Absentees: Scott Soucek, Terry Grogan, Su Ghosh, Debbie Harrison

Liaison Attendees: Libby Tucker, James Mello, Elliot Grissom

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

B. E-Reports: 1/23/14 Minutes to be emailed. Republic Services, Abi/Bow (1/14- 23.356 tons).-Have been sent out to all

C. Overhead Review of Documents: Youth in Science/Tech./Engineering/Math/Robotics Earth Day Competition 2014 Applications; Earth Day Fair Flyers & Updated CCE Brochure. Final First Annual Family Native Gardening Grow-Off;

D. Sign-Up Sheet for 3/17 City Council presentation.

II. “Sustainability by Design” Projects

A. Community Stewardship Team Partners

1. Patrick Barry, Mrs. Barry – Musical Instruments Collection for Earth Day/Eagle Project (5 min.)- Patrick sick for meeting and mother, Mrs. Barry presented. Would collect musical instruments at Earth Day. Take anything except pianos and organs. Drive is part of Patrick’s Eagle Scout project. Fits in well to his project because his passion has always been music. Project has already been MLFA approved. Would add another mining category for Earth Day. The project would only need space for 2 SUV’s and Patrick will bring his own volunteers (scouts and friends). Donations will be tax deductible, and a volunteer will pass out the deduction form. We would have to add MFLA logo to the Earth Day flyer.

2. Sue Blandford/St. Louis Teachers’ Recycle Center, Inc. – CCE Grant Recipient; proposal brainstorm (5 min.)- Organization is in its fourth year. The fourth year for the reuse center and third year for the play center. Organization currently has shelves of recycled materials. The goal is to keep things out of landfills and stimulate young minds. CCE awarded Sue its Earth day Grant! She issued a “Mine Your Business” recognition to CCE for its recycle-mining drive through!

B. NWF – Darcy, James, Patty W.

1. Report on NWF Matrix of 2013 post-certification goals (Darcy & James)- National Wildlife Week is March 17-23. Table top is coming up and we have to print up our own posters for the March table top. We need a copy of the 2013 matrix to help with 2014 documentation. It will help us create a paper trail. Our 2013 post certification goals matrix was emailed with

attachments to Reston, VA, and to our Chesterfield, MO Community Certification file so others can use too. We more than achieved our required goals, per usual.

C. Grants – Libbey, James, Darcy.

1. St. Louis County/DOH/Waste Mgmt. – Battery Collection- St. Louis County is offering a minimum of \$1000 for a recycling program. We are applying for \$1500 to recycle batteries. We can do it on the county's dime and use the time to get initial metrics to know how we can pursue battery recycling in the future. The grant would come in time for us to battery recycle at America/MO/Chesterfield recycle days and have more at next year's earth day.

2. MORA/Keep America Beautiful Public Space Recycling Application.-We have applied for bins to place in Central Park, Everwine Park, and River's Edge Park. 100 bins total, but we are still waiting to see if we are receiving the grant.

3. Mo Dept. of Conservation Community Stewardship update – Spring planting Sat. 6/21 at Eberwein Park in AM. Bring volunteers; need Boy Scouts; Girl Scouts invited.- Make sure we are scouting for volunteers. Girl Scouts have been contacted. They are coming, but we still need to scout for more volunteers. Need boy scouts and other helpers? Ask neighbors too.

4. MO Prairie Foundation Grant – Chris Hartley, Dir. Of Ed./Butterfly House Plan about Monarch Milkweeds.- We need a defined area to qualify. Chris Hartley is writing up a grant for the Butterfly House locale. We could get \$500 to redo gardens around the butterfly house. Still waiting to see how the application comes out. Mr. Hartley is a Community Wildlife Habitat Partner.

5. CCE's Grant Fund Award. Balance.- \$518.08

D. Chesterfield Elementary School/Chesterfield El. School Liaison -Jeanne T.

1. Update.- Jeanne volunteered to be liaison for the committee. Jeanne T.- they are currently running a leadership program called the 7 habits of leadership. They have been taking leadership to a community level. There is a green area in the back of the school yard. Wetlands have also been maintained around the campus and they are putting up a pavilion. Home Depot is sponsoring the project with a \$700 donation. Additionally, they are asking our committee to donate \$85 to complete the project. The community will be able to learn more about environmental development. With Home Depot sponsoring the program, we have achieved a milestone. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THAT A GREEN TEAM MEMBER IS HELPING OUT ANOTHER GREEN TEAM MEMBER!!

2. Grant Fund Request: \$85.00 Vote.- MOTION- [PASSED UNANIMOUSLY]

E. Care Bears/Binkie Blankets Metrics update (Lydia's House, Wings of Hope, St. Luke's.)

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Libbey, Darcy.- We are getting more and more care bears. They have been multiplying. Lydia House has requested more. Wings of hope needs some more. We will be going to St. Luke's ER to give more in March.

F. PRCAC 2/8/14 report – Darcy.- City is hiring eight new officers with specific training to monitor city parks.

G. First Annual Family Native Gardening Grow-Off update – James, Bob, Ad. Hoc. Committee.

1. Review Application & Process- We need to add an email line to the application. We also require a diagram beforehand, but that will be hard to complete for most people. They will simply need to be able to submit the diagram later. We will explain this at our Earth Day.

2. 5 native flora handouts for Earth Day Kits – Jeanne C.- We will need to incorporate directions in the packets. Instruction will be very helpful for the flora being bagged.

3. FOR EARTH DAY - 12 Kits to include: in reusable folders with logos/title – 2 applications, 5 native plants descriptions, 25th Anniversary Signature Garden Helps Pollinators, the 4Ps Make Chesterfield a Better Place, Sustainable Gardening Flyer, NWF Application, Stellar Green Youth Team Application.

4. Promotion- Committee will be at the March 17 City Council meeting at 6:30pm. Make sure we wear our green shirts. Make sure we are asking council members to promote and encourage their neighbors to commit. Winners will receive a beautiful outdoor sign and a Botanical Gardens membership, city certificate, and “draw” for a backyard composter!

H. National Arbor Day Native Tree Planting, Fri., April 25 at Eberwein Park, 4 P.M. – see sign-up sheet - Darcy.-

I. Earth Hour 3/23 flyer update – Darcy- Su is working on it. It’s a work in progress, but we should have something by March 27 meeting.

J. 23rd Annual Chesterfield Earth Day Festival 2014: Sat., April 26, 2014 – update – everyone.

1. Native flora &/or native + cut flora seeds ‘bagged.’- Seeds are all in. If anyone needs to turn in receipts to be reimbursed, that needs to happen soon. We should/need to draw up planting instructions for the seeds.

2. STEMR Judges confirmed. # Youth applying to date? Please distribute flyers! Connect with neighbors/families...- Take it upon all your selves to distribute flyers and find competitors. We don’t have any applications yet. Time to start going out and spreading the word to encourage youngsters to compete.

3. RE/Ecyclers and Collection vendors verified. Layout draft due 3/27 meeting.- The layout map should be ready for final approval at the March meeting. We are verifying our cooperatives.

4. FarmKing, Robot report – Bob.- Nothing new to report. Haven’t been able to get responses yet.

5. Monarch Milkweed Donation of 96 plants- We are hoping to run out of milkweed at Earth Day. Taylor Creek Restoration Nurseries is donating and has helped us secure 96 plants. We want to make sure we have them in time to giveaway at Earth Day.

a. Shipping cost factor. When?- We will be responsible for paying for the shipping, but we need to find out how much that will cost. Darcy will follow up on the cost/

b. Metrics to accumulate via BiodiverseCity + The Scroll at regional events.

c. Scroll Pages TBD by Donna P., Ben K., Bob E. Distributed to Butterfly House/Mo.

Bot. Gdn./BiodiverseCity.- Donna will be creating the scroll with fellow members.

6. Stellar Green Youth Team update – Scott.

a. Zoelle Goff, GS Troop #2534, Meredith McMIndes, Leader.- [approved unanimously]

b. Others – award at Earth Day?- Applications will always need to be in by the end of March to be honored at Earth Day. We need to discuss changing the award cycle from the calendar year

format to follow the Earth Day timing of the award. Thus the new calendar would need to run April-March. [Committee Approved Scott's Recommendation Unanimously]

7. Volunteers, and volunteer forms?- Chesterfield Community Church has volunteered to help out at Earth Day. We are counting on our usual scout volunteers. However, there is a potential conflict. Boy Scouts have a camping trip scheduled during the Earth Day weekend. Need to make sure we still have our Scout volunteers.

K. SOLAR FAIR report – Ad. Hoc. Committee.

1. Do we want a Second Annual SOLAR FAIR?- Had interest from some of the vendors for Earth Day spots. IBEW had a great display. Their potential earth day demonstration should be even more impressive since it will be an outdoor setup. They will bring an actual solar power system to show how it works from start to finish. Overall, not enough interest to really justify a second event in the fall yet. We can do much more to promote though.

L. *BiodiverseCity St. Louis* – Bob.

1. 2/21 Public Awareness and Education Report.

L. Other.

III. Calendar:

A. March 17 City Council Meeting to kick-off First Annual Family Native Gardening Grow-

Off 2014 + Earth Day info.

B. 3/18 – 24/14 National Wildlife Week: “Wildlife and Water”,

C. 3/23/14 International Earth Hour and ‘How to SS Recycle’ tabletop; showing youth from

Missouri Conservationist.

D. 4/26/14 - 23rd Annual Chesterfield Earth Day; Youth In Science Competition.

E. 5/14 Gardening for Wildlife Month and Compost Awareness tabletop.

F. June – Pollinators Awareness Week tabletop.

IV. Next Meeting: March 27, 2014, 6:30 P.M., City Hall – Rms. # 101/2. Ms. Mitzy Cruzen, Chesterfield Elementary School – Presentation.