



MEETING MINUTES/RESULTS

Chesterfield Citizens Environmental Advisory Committee

Feb.25, 2021, 6:00-7:30 p.m. Via Zoom

- I. Call to order. Attendance sheet. Announcements:** *Darcy Capstick, Su Ghosh, Jeanne Clauson, Laura Houck, Jeanne Tevlin, Gary Sriperumbudoor, Lois Ballance, Susan and Paul McCool, Barron Rutledge, Justin Wyse, and Tom McCarthy, Director of Parks, Recreation & Arts. We welcomed new members: Barron Rutledge from Ward 1 and Susan and Paul McCool also from Ward 1. CFM's 85th Annual Convention will be held March 1-6 - VIRTUAL admission fee (\$40.00) for Dir. McCarthy's attendance. We voted in favor of recommending the \$40.00 expenditure for Dir. McCarthy's admission. However, due to his schedule, Dir. McCarthy would not be able to attend many of the sessions. He will contact CFM and ask if we can purchase one admission, but schedule different people to attend separate sessions. Darcy addressed how she had just received the CFM's Dues Notice for Affiliates. All members of CCEAC are CFM Affiliates 'in good standing.' Dir. McCarthy said he'd process this renewal. It was pointed out that the CFM is the Affiliate of the NWF in our State.*
- II. Approval/edits of Jan. 28, 2021 Minutes/Results.** *Approval of Jan. 28, 2021 Minutes/Results Revisions to the minutes: Under section C. Planning Logan Park native flora garden for Monarch butterflies #1 the name SWT landscape designers will be eliminated because a decision has not been made yet. Jeanne T - made motion to approve minutes from the last meeting with edits and Laura seconded it. The motion was unanimously approved.*
- III. Old Business**
- A. Quarterly Conservation Education Calendar/Presenters UPDATES - Dir. McCarthy, Darcy**
- Dir. McCarthy
 - 1. International Earth Hour – 3/27/21, *the new flyer was discussed and members were encouraged to network it.*
 - 2. Chris Hartley – Project Pollinator partner, butterfly gardening, overwintering gardens, native flora sale at the Butterfly House April 10, 11, 17, 18, 2021. Will Zoom. *The Butterfly House will Present at the W. Pavilion 5/13/21, 6:30 – 7:30 PM.*
 - 3. Susan Piazza – will present Recycling: *updates and beyond on Thursday, April 22 6:30 – 7:30 PM at City Park under the W Pavilion - will Zoom if inclement weather.*
 - 4. Arbor Days: MO 4/2 and National 4/30. Will Geoff W. present? *Tom will follow up at next meeting. Schools will plant the trees possibly.*
 - 5. National Wildlife Week – 4/6-10/21, Garden for Wildlife Month 5/2021? *Beekeepers Present 4/29/21, W Pavilion, 6:30 – 7:30 PM.*
 - 6. Spring invasive species awareness/eradication. Pull invasives/ plant natives to honor Arbor Day/s? *Due to COVID to cancel the spring honeysuckle eradication and start up again with our annual one in the fall*
 - 7. National Pollinators' Week, 6/21-27/2021; monarch-pollinators network
 - 8. International Compost Awareness Week – 5/2-8/2021. Will Kari J. present? *She is checking her schedule.*
 - 9. Education/community outreach tables at city hall, Y, Library determined by pandemic protocols. *Delayed due to COVID. During this time, Tom brought up the idea of us having an outreach table at the Chesterfield outdoor concerts this summer. When the county restrictions have been lifted, Tom intends for the concerts to happen again. We will decide further details at that time.*

10. October is Chesterfield's Invasive Species Awareness Month - 21 flora on invasive species list from the MDOC. *(Not recited during meeting: Purple Loosestrife, Spotted Knapweed, Sericea Lespedeza, Garlic Mustard, Chinese Yam, Autumn Olive, Winter Creeper, Bush Honeysuckle, Reed Canary Grass, Old World Bluestem, Common Buckthorn, Japanese Stiltgrass, Japanese Knotweed, Common Reed, Callery Pear, Common Teasel, Cut-leaved Teasel, Japanese Honeysuckle, Japanese Hop Vine, Leafy Spurge, Crown Vetch).* The committee wants a 'link' to be developed on our page, which would take people to a new screen showing these 21 flyers from the MDOC. Tom is looking at this.
11. Next city newsletter articles due date including months of coverage in newsletter? Tom will share it by next week. He suggested sharing the newsletter via City's website & other social media.

B. 30th Annual Chesterfield Earth Day – April 24, 2021, Updates - Will be held at the Chesterfield Mall parking lot - about the same place as always. Time: 9am - noon. Tom will send/share a draft Earth Day document prior to next meeting. Courtney is working on the brochure for the 2021 native tree guide. Jeanne Clauson has the native flora seeds bagged and tagged. Earth Day is a drive-thru for native trees, seeds, conservation information in recycled shopping bags. We currently have 200 shopping bags to distribute. Darcy reported that Charity-Sharity is on 'winter hiatus' and will let us know when they might be able to sew more bags. MRC will collect electronics, DOC Destruction will shred documents on site, Remains will collect textiles/paired shoes, etc., St. Louis Teachers' Recycling Center will collect, old tool will be collected by a NFProfit, AND Earth Day is a drive-thru to re/ecycle electronics, confidential docs shreds, textiles, paired shoes, etc. Darcy requested the draft documents for the 2021 Tree Guide and Earth Day Flyer at our March meeting.

C. Planning Logan Park native flora garden for Monarch butterflies - Dir. McCarthy,

1. Work with Parks Landscape Designers on native butterfly-pollinator garden; approved Medicine Wheel concept. Tom said he is working through a consultant

Phase 1: parking, playground, bathrooms. Phase 2: garden, small pavilion Lois suggested that we start a garden club of Logan students and teachers to help maintain the garden.

D. NWF – Darcy, Dir. McCarthy

1. 2/2/21 national telecon review; remember Wild Birds Unlimited is a NWF Partner.
2. Garden for Wildlife magazines ordered for Earth Day. -Tom has not received them yet.
3. Mayor's Monarch Pledge Actions - please retain links. - Mayor Nation has read his Proclamation and his virtual signature is due by March 31, 2021, on the NWF link.
4. Recertification Fiscal Report link sent to Dir. McCarthy.
5. Next national telecon 4/13/21.
6. Additional resources' links sent to Dir. McCarthy for PRA and social media. Review.
7. NWF asks communities to have an updated brochure spotlighting events. CCEAC is in the process of updating its Brochure.

All updated NWF links were reviewed in committee and sent to Dir. McCarthy for use in social media and his Department.

E. Recycling: Republic for 1/21: Y – 224 cu. Yd.; R – 387.95 T; T – 975.69 T. Royal Oak: 11/20 - 2.05 T, 12/20 - 2.88 T. *Su Gosh mentioned someone in PRAC is drawing graphs monthly per Tom, and he used to present those graphs in our meetings in City Hall. Su asked if that could continue. Su Gosh indicated that if nobody was doing it, she would do it. Dir. McCarthy will look up the older grid and email to Su for updating.*

IV. Action Items:

1. City's website update – *Su Su and Darcy will tackle. Su will update the Power Point of “Who we Are” which is on our page of the city's website.*
2. Beekeeping write-up – *Dir. McCarthy Pending. Tom has bunch of documentation, other cities policies.*
3. Community Garden Group to maintain native gardens – *Dir. McCarthy Delayed due to covid. Steve is coordinating this effort*
4. Posting of 3 NWF outdoor Certified CWLife Habitat signs – *Dir. McCarthy - Ordered, but not received yet.*
5. Eberwein Tree Walk update – *Dir. McCarthy {start 2022 for trail improvements} trails closed, development plans in process*
6. Planning Grant for Central Park Expansion – *Dir. McCarthy Chesterfield purchased eight acres across from the amphitheater. Hired SWT for planning the green space. Virtual meeting scheduled for March 18th.*
7. Updated invasive flora flyer/MDOC - *Jeanne T will update next meeting*
8. Chesterfield W & W & BRMCTLoop updatings – *Donna, Jeanne C. on hold until COVID is over*
9. Native Flora for Butterflies Garden Kit Application filed with Butterfly House – *Dir. McCarthy waiting to hear back as it had been filed.*
10. NWF Application for Certification for Amphitheater's Native Garden Expansion status - *Dir. McCarthy – Still pending. Darcy will send the NWF Application for Certification to Tom.*

V. Unfinished Business – Jeanne T., Donna P. *Covered everything. Nothing pending.*

VI. New Business/Other. Next meeting Th., March 25, 2021.

1. Updating CCEAC Brochure - Darcy - *All the members will review the brochure & share the feedback with Darcy.*
2. *Meeting ended at: - 7:25 PM*

Next Meeting: Mar. 25, 2021, 6:00 p.m., City Hall

The Chesterfield Citizens Environmental Advisory Committee 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.