

MEETING MINUTES
Chesterfield Citizens Committee for the Environment
February 23, 2017, 6:30 p.m.
City Hall, Rooms # 102-3

All agenda items were discussed; necessary outcomes/actions are noted.

Mission Statement: conservation of native, natural, and energy resources education.

I. Call to Order/Agenda/Notices:

- A. Meeting called to order at 6:33 p.m.
- B. Present: Darcy Capstick, Paul Travers, Bob Ernst, Donna Pecherski, Polly Rutherford, Jeanne Clauson, Jeanne Tevlin, Laura Houck, Terry Grogan, Gary Sriperumbudoor, and Ben Keathley
- C. Absent: Jim Brown, Su Ghosh
- D. City Staff Liaison Libbey Tucker: present
- E. City Council Liaison Guy Tilman: present
- F. Others Present: Visitors Jarren Belt Sr. and Jarren Belt Jr.
- G. Notices: Congratulations CCE's newest member Gary Budoor from Ward 4. Butterfly House is promoting Chesterfield's Earth Day to their visiting public. YMCA is no longer ordering Styrofoam cups for coffee for their members, a big step in the right direction. Congrats to them. Su is due back on March 1. Members need to respond to the City for the March 22 citizens' dinner at Doubletree. If possible we should all attend. Angie Thomas is still interested in being a member if an opening is available. Staff Liaison change: Libbey will assume new duties as Assistant City Administrator and will be replaced at the end of May by Tom McCarthy, Parks, Rec, and Arts Director.

II. PORTAL: 1/26/17 CCE minutes are available, Republic year-to-date; Royal Oak Recycling (1/17- 5.477 tons); Updated CCE Roster with new contact info; Bear/Blanket Matrix Updated; 2017s Demo. Garden Make-Over Gift; FINAL WRITING for Upcycling Recycling in Chesterfield Parks Grant; 2017 Earth Day Flyer & ED Tree Guide; International Earth Hour Flyer 2017; CCE Brochure updated; Monarch/Pollinator Nexus List; CFM Resolution for Resources Committee AND Affiliate Membership Directory update; NWF Call Notes from 2/7/17; 3, 4, & 5/2017 quarterly city newsletter articles; *Discover*, 3/17, "Buzzkill" (bees still dying); *Herb Quarterly*, Spring 2017, "Glorious Goldenrod"; *Missouri Conservationist*, 2/17, "Rivers & Streams"; *Garden Gate*, 12/16, "Native Plants Solve Shade Garden Challenges"; *National Wildlife*, 2-3/17, "Ranger Rick Helps Teach a Love of Nature"; *Resource Recycling*, 2/17, "Is Access Everything?"

III. "Sustainability by Design" Projects.

- A. **Final SLCDOHWM Group Grant Review due 3/17/17 update – Libbey, Darcy, Bob.** All the information for the grant application has been given to Libbey and Tom McCarthy for their input and eventual submittal to the County. Need a Council resolution supporting our grant application. Contributing to the grant application effort are Darcy, Su, Bob, Libbey, and Tom McC. Councilman Tilman helped find a recyclable popcorn container.

B. MO Arbor & National Arbor Days, Tree City USA. Overview.

1. Missouri Arbor Day, Friday, April 7; celebrated Sat., 4/8/17 at Parks HQ after PRCAC Meeting/9:15 AM. Guy Tilman, Gary, Darcy (PRAC member), and Ben will be there and maybe Donna. Come prepared with shovels and work gloves to plant two large trees.
2. National Arbor Day, Friday, April 28 TBA by Arborist and Parks Director. Libbey reported that we have an agreement with MO DOC to plant trees at Eberwine Park at 1:00 pm. We'll need maybe ten volunteers to help plant. Donna, Gary, Laura, Guy, Paul, Darcy, Polly will be there.
3. Tree City, USA, MDOC Arborist Dan Moncheski to give award to Geoff Wegrzyn during Noon Conservation Honors. Three new outdoor NWF signs need to be purchased. Where and when do we want to give them to the Y, Library, and City. CCE members decided that Earth Day would be an appropriate time.
4. 258 mayors have signed the Mayors Pledge. We are in the top rung of that group; 173 certified municipalities to date.

C. CCE Calendar – everybody approved:

1. Sat., April 29: 26th Annual Chesterfield Earth Day.
2. Friday, April 8: Missouri Arbor Day Tree Planting.
3. Friday, April 28: National Arbor Day Tree Planting.
4. Monday, Oct. 2 – 6, YMCA Sustainable Gardening Tabletop: Monarchs/butterflies/pollinators; Chris Hartley Pollinators Program, Wed., Oct. 4; Sat., Oct. 7 planting next segment of the Y's native flora for butterflies/pollinators garden, back side of building.
5. Sat., Oct 21, IBH Eradication/invasives clean out at Faust Park. Need to be cleared with Park Dir. Francis.
6. Sat., Nov. 4, 2017, Central Pool Park Drive-thru.

D. NWF - Darcy, Libbey.

1. Awaiting updated nametags co-brand template
2. New outdoor signs for YMCA, Library, City Hall; Voted to order 3. 20% off due to being NWF Certified Community. When to give outdoor signs Earth Day. Already voted upon.
3. CFM Affiliates Membership Directory update. And Resolution request.
4. 4/11/17 next national telephone conference; 258+ Mayors' Monarch Pledges.
5. Ordered 100 'garden for wildlife' 4, 5/2017 edition: Earth Day, Y, Library.
6. Ordered Butterfly Heroes 'how to do' pledge cards. Looking for groups/teams/student classes/schools/scout troops, etc.

E. PRACAC 2/11/17 – Councilmember Tilman, Darcy.

1. Meeting review.
2. Guy Tilman reported on the farmers' market situation. We don't need 10' x 10' pop-up stalls in the market but something more permanent. Looking at the overall market concept, when to be launched, what do we need to be successful, where (Central Park), how implemented because we need to do it well for it to succeed. Parking is an issue. Offerings may include

- food/produce, refreshments, music, crafts, other activities, etc. Need broad community support as well as a range of vendors with attractive offerings.
- 3. Public art. Council member Tilman discussed where would it go, what type, and adding PRACAC community representation.
- 4. Tilman reported that the new apartment complex (about to start construction) to be built on Lydia Hill is willing to have volunteers tag trees on property for removal and transplanting to parks. Need to discuss with McCarthy. Need to find out who pays transplanting costs.
- F. BiAnnual Family Native Gardening GrowOff – Darcy.**
 - 1. Ends 3/15/17.
 - 2. Summer visitations: Jeanne C., Donna, Su, ?
 - 3. October Conservation Honors at City Council.
- G. Recycling update – Jeanne C., Donna P., Jeanne T., Darcy.**
 - 1. Coaching the CVAC Coaches – Jeanne T. reported on the progress with promoting recycling efforts with the athletic coaches and teams at CVAC.
 - 2. Buying Recycled Means ‘Closing the Loop’ Brochure update – Jeanne C. need info by summer though it might be ready by early March.
 - 3. Chesterfield What & Where to Recycle flyer – Donna P.
 - 4. Jeanne T. reported on the Science Fair project at Westridge Elementary. The Tevlins are having a St. Pats Day party and invited all the CCE members to attend.
- H. Bears/Blankets matrix – Paul, Darcy, Libbey.**
 - 1. Friendship Village – Paul T. asked if they can get new signs for Friendship Village. Yes, through NWF.
 - 2. 2600 more bears have been made.
 - 3. Ben has a doctor friend who goes overseas to operate on kids and can use bears and blankets for his surgery patients. Libbey will get them to Ben.
- I. Education Tabletops – sustainable gardening**
 - 1. Sachs County Library – 3/6 through 3/23 – OK. Bring tablecloth.
 - 2. YMCA – 4/10 through 4/27- OK.
 - 3. Contents: ALL pollinator info., 100 Children’s ‘Create’ Cards each, native seeds (PAN tentative), sustainable gardening, freshwater, national wildlife week, MDOC mags. (monarchs), NWF ‘gardening for wildlife’ mags., composting, recycling, etc., etc. Earth Day Flyer. SGYTeam. BPGREEN Challenge.
- J. 26th Annual Earth Day, April 29, 2017 – everyone**
 - 1. 26th Earth Day Flyer & Tree Guide; View. Trees tagged & buckets labeled by City Arborist (hoorah)! Libbey reported that the flyer is not yet updated but soon. Tree Guide must include MO and national Arbor Days info if possible in terms of space.
 - 2. Native wildflower and annual seeds from Wildseed Farms Catalogs update – Donna, Jeanne C., Libbey Bag and tag in April to be decided in March.
 - 3. Ranger Rick
 - a. Earth Day Birthday; pictures received/Card? – Laura, Donna
 - b. Who will be Ranger Rick – Gary and Anurac and other volunteers will be asked to help person in costume. Need to sign release forms. Terry will ask if any of his scouts can help.

4. Cloth Bag Sleeves to store plastic bags to be recycled/reused in the home; Charity-Sharity – ap. 325? Start coming in 3/15 through 4/14. Update Plastic Bags? Flyer-Su G. Have to bag and tag and stuff flyer insert into sleeves on the same day.
5. Opening Ceremony @ 10 AM: flag ceremony/overview; two Girl Scout Troops, #1050 and #3863.
6. Vendor contact information turn for EBlast Invitation!
7. Give away native flora: two milkweeds and two Fall nectar (goldenrod and aster) approved. Please add Ozark Berry Farm's Logo to Community Stewardship Scroll/Lil Collins is emailing it to us.
9. Multicultural music, dance, vendors developing with Parks Director McCarthy.
10. Noon Conservation Honors: Monarch/Pollinator Nexus Partners (18) with certificates (to be developed by Libbey) distributed; Tree City USA - OK; inaugural BPGREEN Challenge youth – in process; Happy Birth Day Ranger Rick with Poster/card (Laura H. and Donna P.), 12th NWF Community Wildlife Habitat renewal certificate. Bagpipes player will 'call' people to central Courtyard Mall starting 11:45 AM. List of monarch pollinator nexus partner honorees is on the portal; Guy Tilman will follow up for Dierbergs Meditation Park.
11. Water - A Most Precious Resource is in process of revision to include Caulks/Bonhomme Creek info., 100 reusable CCE water bottles/stuffed, and the MO Conservationist article on Rivers and Streams. – Bob.
12. All Re/Recyclers 'lined up'? – Libbey, Gary, Darcy. Pedro's Planet will shred but not on-site, which is different than last year's shredding operation. Still have a five box limit.
 - a. Need adult helpers (5-6) for drive-thru–Gary.
13. Earth Day Guide for Layout and Agenda questions – Darcy, Laura H.
14. Community Stewardship Scroll + Ozark Berry Farm, Ltd., - Lil Collins to send. For Native Wildflower/Flora giveaways. Libbey will see if easels available at the Mall we can use.

K. Other. For 2017 To Be Completed: 2017 Tree Guide; 26th Earth Day Flyer; "Plastic Bags?"- Su update?; "Buying Recycled Means Closing the Loop" – Jeanne C.; "Chesterfield What & Where To Recycle" Flyer – Donna P.; "International Earth Hour 2017"(done) and "Water – A Most Precious Resource" – Bob – in process; Family Green Initiatives Brochure – (9/2017) - Bob; 4Ps Make Chesterfield A Better Place (needs Amphitheater addition)- Darcy.

- IV. **Calendar:** *3/17/17, DEADLINE for SLCDOH Grant filing. *3/15/17 Deadline for filing BiAnnual Grow-Off Aps. *Sat. April 29, 2017 – 26th Annual Chesterfield Earth Day in/outdoors at Chesterfield Mall.
- V. **Next Meeting:** March 23, 2017, 6:30 P.M., City Hall – Regular Rooms 102-3, Presenter: Mr. Stephen Herring/Republic Representative: updates/issues/trends. Meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm.