

MEMORANDUM



TO: Mike Geisel, City Administrator

FROM: TW Dieckmann, Director of Parks, Recreation & Arts

SUBJECT: Chesterfield Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Summary
Thursday, January 19, 2023

A meeting of the Chesterfield Citizens Environment Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, January 19, 2023 in Conference Room 202.

In attendance were: Chair Darcy Capstick (Ward III), Director TW Dieckmann, Jeanne Clauson (Ward III), Paul McCool (Ward I), Susan Mlynarczyk (Ward III) Secretary Pro Tem, Donna Pecherski (Ward II), Barron Rutledge (Ward 1), Secretary Laura Houck (Ward III), Su Ghosh (Ward III), Vaishali Soneta (Ward IV)

Also in attendance were: Tom McCarthy, Councilmember Gary Budoor (Ward IV), Councilmember Merrell Hansen (Ward IV), and Councilmember Dan Hurt (Ward III). All three councilmembers were present for the beginning of the meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 6 PM.

I. APPROVAL OF MEETING SUMMARY

A. Approval of the Chesterfield Citizens Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Summary

Susan Mlynarczyk made a motion to approve the Meeting Summary of Thursday, December 15. The motion was seconded by Paul McCool and passed by a unanimous voice vote.

1. Announcements: New member Vaishali Soneta (Ward IV) and Director Dieckmann were introduced and we introduced ourselves to them.
2. Election Paul McCool made a motion to approve the ballot:
Darcy Capstick Chair
Su Ghosh Vice Chair
Laura Houck Secretary.
Donna Pecherski seconded the motion, and it passed by unanimous consent.

II. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. April tabletop at City Hall-Director Dieckmann to contact Darcy regarding date
- B. Parks Dept. Calendar: 3/22 World Water Day, 3/25 International Earth Hour, 4/7 or 4/28-Arbor Day. Most likely to take place in a park and not at a school. Logan Park was suggested. Geoff Wegrzyn will be contacted as to dates and park site, and Pfizer's Dr. Hutchins and some of her Green Team members will help plant. 4/29 is Earth Day 32. A suggestion was made by Vaishali about having a contest for artwork for the Earth Day Flyer and logo. Since the flyer has already been made, it was suggested that this will happen next year. 5/3 Garden for Wildlife with Sue Leahy-Sue will bring the 9 native wildflowers/plants per kit (12 kits) as

well as a description of the plants. 5/7-13 is International Compost Month. June is National Pollinators Month. Jeanne Clauson is setting up a speaker who will be speaking about native bees. He is a PhD student from UMSL.

- C.** Bag and Tag wildflower mixes. This will happen at sometime soon during the day at city hall. Donna Pecherski will prepare seed information and planting instructions to be stapled to the envelopes for the seeds.
- D.** Earth Day 32 Review We will be resurrecting the Earth Day Flag. Tree Guides should be completed to be given with the tree giveaways since we have turned in the field descriptions to Geoff Wegrzyn/City Arborist and the template which city has. Mr. Jost is donating native wildflowers/plants. The time of the event is 9-11 AM. Su Ghosh and Vaishali Soneta will be working on getting the flyer as well as a header for spreading the word through social media to our youth. Other partners were reviewed: Remains/textiles recycling (list sent with newsletter articles), SLTRC/VanGo - used books for youth, SLCompost/Rick Blosser tabletop and free compost (3 bags per family), Republic/Susan Piazza recycling tabletop, SLC/DOPublic Health/recycling outreach/Kim Williams, and the need for Release Forms for Youth helping out that day.
- E.** Newsletter articles emailed to everyone the 9 articles were reviewed
- F.** 2 New Green Team Members have not yet been added to our list on the city's website and the CCEAC Brochure should only be listed in the PDF's at the bottom of our page.
- G.** NWF year end 2022 Fiscal Report for 18th consecutive recertification update: the city is now in its 19th year of recertification work! CONGRATULATIONS CHESTERFIELD! Only 4 national teleconferences/Zooms next year.
- H.** Flyers-Donna Pecherski still working on What and Where to Recycle 2023
- I.** Vertical Growing Walls and Pollinator Garden at CVAC on hold
- J.** Spring invasive honeysuckle eradication-still waiting for dates from the Boy Scouts.
- K.** Meadowbrook Farms-Darcy will email the trustees with all the plant suggestions from Jost Greenhouse.
- L.** Susan Piazza and Republic-possible topics: where do our recyclables go, showing examples of what can and cannot be recycled and recycled-content products list

III. NEW BUSINESS

- A.** Parks, Recreation and Arts Update: Logan Park is still in progress in Phase 1. They are working on the pavilion and the bathrooms, and the retention pond. Phase 2 will be next with the trail and the playground. Tony Moore will be taking over Steve Jarvis' position. A landscape company will be doing the landscaping. The park will be open sometime this summer. Eberwein Park-the dam was rebuilt. Someone walked on the concrete path after the concrete had been poured. It was decided that section would be torn out and relayed. Tree Walk at Eberwein Park to be done by the new director.
- B.** Republic and Royal Oak volumes: Republic yard waste – 550 cu yards, trash - 1035.95 tons, and recycles – 418.7 tons = 28.8% diversion rate for December. RO – 4.763 tons.
- C.** NEW ISSUE – the Tree Cities of the World was review by Darcy as a possible future achievement for our city.
- D.** NEW REPORT – the 5 Earth Shot global prize winners were reviewed by Darcy, each received one million pounds from the Prince and Princess of Wales.

General topics: eliminating CO2/Oman, Mukuru Clean Stoves/Kenya, Notpla from the UK/biodegradable 'not plastic' wrap made from Kelp, restoring nature/Kheyti portable, modular greenhouses/India, protecting oceans/coastal conservation restoring seagrass ecosystems/Indigenous Women's Ranger Network with youth.

- E. Last meeting of the year – a green potluck will be held in the Multipurpose Room on Dec. 21, 3rd Thursday of the month due to holidays.

IV. OTHER

- A. Next meeting February 23, 2023, fourth Thursday like normal.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 7:38 PM