



**CHESTERFIELD CITIZENS
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting Summary**

February 23, 2023, 6:00 p.m.

Chesterfield City Hall, 690 Chesterfield Parkway West, Room #102/3

- A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m.
- B. ROLL CALL:** Those in attendance were City Liaison Pro Tem Kari Johnson, Superintendent of Recreation, Chair Darcy Capstick (Ward III), Vice Chair Su Ghosh (Ward III), Secretary Laura Houck (Ward III), Jeanne Clauson (Ward III), Paul McCool (Ward I), Donna Pecherski (Ward II), Vaishali Soneta (Ward IV), Madhu Bhagdvatula (Ward IV), and Susan Mlynarczyk (Ward III). Councilman Dan Hurt (Ward III) and Councilmember Merrell Hansen (Ward IV) were present for a portion of the meeting.

We will now be using a Roll Call for attendance. Director Dieckmann will bring this to the next meeting.

C. APPROVAL OF MEETING SUMMARY

- A. Approval of January CCEAC Meeting Summary: Paul McCool made a motion to accept the minutes of this meeting. The motion was seconded by Donna Pecherski.

D. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. February

- Content for presentation for National Pollinators Month event 6/28, 6:30 – 7:30 PM, RSVP's: The content of this presentation will be hoverflies and insect pollinators. This is the second most important group of pollinators and is very understudied.
- Content for presentation for Republic Services Recycling event 7/19, 6:30 – 7:30 PM, RSVP's: This presentation will include what items to recycle curbside, where our recycling efforts go, our Nation's first Polymer Center, Republic's joint venture developing 39 landfill renewable natural gas projects, and what recycled-content products are made from our recyclables.

2. March

- National Wildlife Federation
 - Virtual meeting 3/13 Chair Darcy Capstick will be present at this virtual meeting.
 - Mayors' Monarch Pledge Proclamation due 3/31: Kari Johnson stated that she did not know where the Fourth Mayor's Monarch Pledge Proclamation is. It is not on our page of the city's website. Darcy requested a copy in order to write a newsletter article about it.
 - "Garden for Wildlife" magazines (5/1, 9/18, 12/4): Magazines have been ordered to be added to tabletop displays, reader's racks in the lobby of the government center, "Garden for Wildlife" Kits, and Earth Day 32.
- World Water Day 3/22: World Water Day including our flyer "Water, A Most Precious

Resource” and International Earth Hour flyer articles were in the Chesterfield Newsletter and are mentioned on our page of the city’s website as well. The articles are to encourage Youth to get involved with the Stellar Green Youth Team conservation actions and Applications.

- International Earth Hour 3/25 flyer is on our page of the city’s website.
 - Stellar Green Youth Team Applications: Applications are on our page of the city’s website.

3. April

- Invasive honeysuckle removal volunteer event 4/1 @ Central Park This event will be 8:45-1PM. We will meet by the Chesterfield Pool Parking Lot. All Scouts will need their Boy Scout Release Form and a City Release Form. This event was not in the city’s newsletter. City will have to get information out by social media. Our city arborist, Geoff Wegrzyn will talk about the reasons for eradicating bush honeysuckle. Invasive honeysuckle brochures to be updated and put on CCEAC page/City’s website with QR Code. Paul McCool will be in attendance with his camera to take pictures.
- Tabletop set up at City Hall lobby 4/4: This is in progress.
- Tree planting for Arbor Day, Tree City USA requirement
 - Need 3 dates/times/locations: Possible tree planting sites are Friend’s Grove by the YMCA. CVAC-Millennium Green Heritage Grove and Logan Park. Maybe where the Green Ash have been removed.
- “Bag and Tag” wildflower mixes: Donna Pecherski will contact regarding place, date and time. Kari Johnson will confirm room and let Donna know the room and date.
 - Need a date/time/location. Plan for Noon – 1 PM hopefully and please bring plastic reusable spoons for measuring seeds.
- Earth Day 32 4/29 @ Central Park, 9 AM – 11 AM. Set-up prior.
 - flyer and tree guide update - unknown
 - Vendors – Remains, SLTRC/VanGo, Republic, MDOC Trees/Geoff Wegrzyn, SLCompost **and free compost**, SLC/Dept. Of Public Health, to which Kari Johnson has added Bicycle Works, Drug Take Back, and Tech Remove. CCEAC will have native wildflowers and native wildflower seeds from 2 mixes for pollinators.

4. May

- “Garden for Wildlife” 5/3
 - Sue Leahy, 9 wildflowers per 12 kits and field descriptions. \$50.00 Honorarium
 - Paul McCool will pick up extra handouts at the nursery.
 - NWF flyers/application, “Commit for the Kit” forms
- International Compost Awareness 5/7-13
 - Presentations update: There is no presentation or presenter. There are Power Points on our city’s website should residents wish to review them.

5. June (National Pollinators Month)

- George Todd, PhD student in Biology @ UMSL presents “Hoverflies - An Underappreciated Pollinator Group” 6/28 @ the Community Center, RSVP’s

6. July

- Susan Piazza, Mgr. Republic Svcs. Recycling, presentation 7/19 @ Community Center, RSVP’s. She will also present to Chesterfield’s Older Adult Group on March 21.

7. Communications

- online
 - Web site: Add our two new green team members to the listing on our page of the city's website and remove the old list. Add Earth Day 32 Flyer, and End of Year 2022 Accomplishments and remove the old EOY 2021 Accomplishments.
 - QR code – disappeared from our page? to be added to our flyers only. Darcy requested a copy of the Fourth Mayor's Monarch Pledge Proclamation in order to write a newsletter article.
- printed materials
 - City newsletter: The next deadline is April 15 for June, July, and August.
- EOY 2022 report: Replace 2021 with 2022's on our page of the city's website.

8. Outdoor spaces

- Vertical growing wall at Logan Park: We need a proposal if we want a vertical growing wall at Logan Park. Councilmember Hansen stated that Wentz's in Chesterfield Valley will be installing a vertical growing wall. We can use this as reference. She said she'd get us the contact information.
- City Hall: We will not be able to put a vertical growing wall here.
- Eagle Scout butterfly-pollinator garden @ CVAC HQ: Who is maintaining this? Nobody knows. Jeanne Clauson, Donna Pecherski and Laura Houck will set a date to check the garden.
- Meadowbrook Farm / Clarkson Estates entryways: the list of recommended native flora has been sent to the trustees as to what plants Jost Greenhouse recommends with our approval. Other information was sent about getting the Pocket Park adjoining the entryways NWF Certified. It is up to the Trustees to contact us for further information, etc.
- Chesterfield What and Where to Recycle 2023: Su Ghosh is completing the update. There were formatting issues.

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. Tree Cities of the World: We don't need a Tree Board to qualify as a Tree City of the World per Mr. Hinnah. Russell Hinnah, MDOC's Community Forester Coordinator, said we have 2 Department Heads, 2 Departments, a City Arborist, who he knows and respects, managing the City's Tree Policies, Practices and Procedures. He is trying to get us more details for an Application to the Arbor Day Foundation.
2. Last meeting of the year
 - green potluck, Coordinator Vaishali, and Laura will help coordinate
3. Conservation Federation of Missouri (CFM) David Risberg Grant due 12-31-23.
 - Affiliate renewal for 5 yrs.!
 - Annual convention – Dir. Dieckmann cannot attend this year.
4. National Wildlife Federation
 - Recertification - 18 years – Darcy explained where Chris Hartley, our Project Pollinator Partner at the Butterfly House, posted their copy of our 18th ReCertification Certificate in the entryway from the Butterfly House into the backyard, fenced garden. The Butterfly House has been our NWF Partner since 2000 and they are the State's first NWF-Certified Schoolyard Wildlife Habitat. Kari doesn't know where the City Hall's 18th Year NWF Certificate is to be posted. The Parks Dept. has their copy posted at CVAC HQ. We suggested checking the Mayor's Office? Dir. McCarthy always indicated he

did post it at City Hall because the public needs to be informed.

5. Minute for the Environment: Eastern and Western monarchs are co-mingling in Mexico which is making the Western Monarch species stronger. Jeanne Clauson will take the minute for the environment for next month. Also, dolphins and humans both benefit from fishing collaboration through the millennia – dolphins 'click' to communicate, and upon hearing the 'clicking,' humans throw their nets into the ocean splitting large schools of fish into smaller batches which dolphins prefer. It's easier for schools of dolphins to catch/eat fish from smaller batches of fish.
6. Care Bears and St. Luke's Hospital: Donna Pecherski used her ER contact at St. Luke's and connected them with the now defunct Charity-Sharity for care bears. We are now out of that loop.
7. Citizen of the Year Committee - it was our year to serve.
8. January recycling results: Republic- 350 T Royal Oak requested.
 Royal Oak trash-1067.46T
 Recycle-425.26 T
 28.5% diversion rate for 1/23

F. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Sign-up sheets for members – passed around
2. Vaishali received her green shirt.
3. Darcy restocked the reading racks

G. ADJOURNMENT: at 7:34 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: March 23, 2023 @ City Hall, 6:00 p.m.