MEETING MINUTES/RESULTS

Chesterfield Citizens Environmental Advisory Committee
May 26, 2022, 6:00-7:30 p.m. City Hall
690 Chesterfield Pkwy. West, Rms. #102-103

I. Call to order. Called to order at 6:01 and adjourned at 7:39. Attendance*; Ass't. Dir. Steve Jarvis, Darcy Capstick, Laura Houck, Susan and Paul McCool, Barron Rutledge, Jeanne Clausen, Su Ghosh, Susan Mlynarczyk*, Naseemuddin Mohammad. Announcements: 4 renewed appointments: Darcy Capstick, Laura Houck, Jeanne Clausen, Donna Pecherski Ward 2. Visitor Naseemuddin Mohammad and Ward 4 visitor Madhu Bhagavatula status *is unknown*; St. Louis Native Plant Tour includes Chesterfield June 11! Also St. Peters, and St. Charles. Arbor Day & "Garden for Wildlife" photos, and Concert Schedule Dates emailed - Darcy, Dir. McCarthy

II. Approval of April 28, 2022, Meeting Minutes/Results. Edits? Vote. - Darcy Sue Mlynarczyk to accept the minutes and it was seconded by Paul McCool

III. New Business Actions

A. NWF – Darcy

1. FBCC Garden Dedication update; *no update*. FBCC Power Point update; the final version was emailed to everyone. - Su The book for the garden was condensed into 21 pages. Su will make 5-7 slides about the project. May add to slide show about what CCEAC does.

2. NWF Telecon/Zoom meetings, 6/13 next *which Darcy will attend*, 8/8, 10/3...

3. Emailed 3rd Mayor's Monarch Pledge Proclamation to NWF! T*his will help with our Fiscal Year report.* – Dir. McCarthy

B. May 4 "Garden for Wildlife" CRITIQUE. Extra NWF "Garden for Wildlife" magazines leftover reuse? May 20 & Oct. 14 GARDEN PHOTOS DUE – Dir. McCarthy, everyone

Everyone agreed that this presentation was a success. Greenscape offered to donate Kit plants for next yr. Only 3/12 people who received plants sent pictures of the planted plants by 5/20. Darcy will contact the others about sending in their pictures. Barron offered to put captions/emojis on some of the pictures.

C. Student Pranav, May 17 interview update – Dir. McCarthy This student did a school project and interviewed Darcy, Tom and Donna as an extension of Earth Day. to date, we have not seen it and it was requested.

D. September 7, 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM, Chesterfield Mall – need laptop/projector, Richard Blosser of STL Composting to send presentation and bio in. We do not know the site yet for this presentation; it was suggested that city hall might be the better choice for laptop/screen/microphone – Paul, Dir. McCarthy

E. October date TBD, "Goats on the Go" - IBHoneysuckle eradication – everyone October is Chesterfield Invasive Species month. Tom has not heard from Goats on the Go but is pursuing them.

F. October date TBD {Earth Science Week?}, Marco Tipton/Ameren, Energy Awareness Month, where– Jeanne, Dir. McCarthy May happen at Chesterfield Mall, October 12 or 13 for suggested dates

G. Nov. 5 – 26th Annual Chesterfield/MO/America Recycles event – recycling, - everyone We discussed having some recyclers set up booths instead of doing the Nov. Event since there will be no re/ecycle drive-thru because of the drop in participants which has cost the city money.

H. Earth Day 32, 2023, recycling? Arbor Day? Mall? Presenters? Trees? brainstorm – everyone We didn't get the minimum for MRC (for profit) so we owed $400. St. Louis County is doing a program in Manchester every other month with a drop off event at Schroeder Park. We should have a transition article in the next quarterly city newsletter explaining this.

IV. Old Business Actions

A. Education Presentation/Events

1. July 28, Susan Piazza, virtual MRF Tour at meeting (20 min.). **SET. -** Darcy
2. Quarterly City Newsletter Articles due Aug. 1 for 8, 9, 10, 11, 2022 to include FBCC Garden Dedication, Sept. 7 Fall Compost Presentation, Virtual MRF (7/28) Presentation, Mr. Jost's Green Team Photo, 26th Chesterfield/MO/America Recycles Transitions, All Four Wards improve Quality Nature for Pollinators, Steps to Make a Lasting Impression on Nature; Trees, A Solution to Many Problems, Su McCool's article on the Lone Star Tick expansion; ... - Darcy, Dir. McCarthy
3. Earth Sciences Week – Oct, 9 – 15 {natural resources, non-living sciences, energy, geology, archaeology, climate, mining, hydrology, metalurgy} – everyone
4. Plastic bottlecaps to McCool's – everyone These are being collected for a middle school in southern IL.They will be sent to Greentree Plastics in Evansville, IN. It takes 4 yrs. of bottle cap collection to make a bench.
5. Eagle Scout Butterfly Garden Redo at CVAC HQ monthly update – Jeanne Jeanne will send out an email for dates for members to help weed the garden.
6. Buying Recycled Means 'Closing the Loop' brochure update - Jeanne Dierbergs has no recycled products. Whole Foods, Trader Joe's, Office Depot, Fresh Thyme and Schnucks all have some recycled products for sale. Will continue to monitor monthly.
7. Tabletop updates, timeline – Donna, Jeanne Not a lot of action with tabletop.

B. Logan and Central Park update – Dir. McCarthy Close on MSD approvals. Restroom building coming in a couple weeks. Topic of pickleball courts sent back to council. About three wks. away from starting a shelter. Sept. 12 playground build will start. Oct. playground will be surfaced.

C. Recycling –

April – Darcy, Su

1. Republic: Y – 895.0 Cu. Yds.; R – 348.83 T.; T 1048.90 – T. 25.7% diversion rate.
2. Royal Oak: requested – no reply for 2 mos. Today received: **.90tons for Mar. and .76 tons for Apr.**

V. Action Items – everyone.

VI. Unfinished Business – everyone.

A. CCEAC Page on City's Website – Darcy, Dir. McCarthy **Darcy gave Steve Jarvis an updated brochure to be posted on website.**

VII. New Business/Other. Next meeting Th., June 23, 2022 - Darcy

A. Vertical growing wall/hydroponics at AC Hotel in the Central West End Jost Greenhouses. - Darcy, Laura City Hall is going to be relandscaped May be able to include a vertical wall in the landscaping. Sue McCool to come up with a plan for a vertical wall using pollinator florae. This landscaping for city hall to be completed in 2023

B. Study: China's National Sword Increased US landfilled plastic, p. 42 Resource Recycling, 5/22 not all plastics can be recycled

C. Pranav's Green Team to recycle at Concert/Amphitheater opportunity – Darcy, Dir. McCarthy Tom is coordinating this.

D. Other. Sue McCool to submit an article for the city's newsletter to Darcy. This article is about the lone star tick and its cause of alpha gal syndrome.

E. Adjourn meeting.

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Calendar Actions transitioning into 2022

1. International Earth Hour 3/26/22 (CCEAC Spring flyer) - Su G.
2. Recycling effectively 1/20/22 - Susan P./Republic
3. State and National Arbor Days 4/1 & 4/29/22 - Geoff W.
4. National Wildlife Week, April 5 – 9, 2022
5. Earth Day 31, Sat., Ap. 23, 2022
6. International Compost Awareness Week – May 1 – 7, 2022; Presenter in September, 2022.
7. NWF Garden for Wildlife Month – May 4, 2022, Sue Leahy/Wild Ones
8. Spring invasive species awareness/eradication cancelled due to covid in 2022/ FALL Plan? (Goats on the Go)
9. National Pollinators' Month- June – Local Bee Studies/Webster U./native bees
10. October IBH eradication/Invasive Species Awareness Month
11. October Earth Sciences Week
12. Nov. Chesterfield/MO/America Recycles # 26

Pending Action Items

1. Eberwein Tree Walk {start 2022 for trail improvements} - Dir. McCarthy
2. "Getting to Know" update – Su G.
3. Community Garden Group to maintain native gardens update – Ass't. Dir. Jarvis
4. CCEAC group photograph – Dir. McCarthy

Next Meeting: June 23, 2022, 6:00 p.m., City Hall