



Chesterfield Citizens Environmental Advisory Committee
Sept. 28, 2023, 6:00 P.M.
Summary of Meeting Minutes
Chesterfield City Hall, 690 Chesterfield Pkwy. West, Room #102/3

- I. Meeting called to order at 6:00pm
- II. Roll Call - Chair Darcy Capstick Ward III, Vice Chair Su Ghosh Ward III, Secretary Pro-tem Susan Mlynarczyk Ward III, Jeanne Clausen Ward III, Barron Rutledge Ward I, Visitor Rob Kilo Ward IV, Vaishali Soneta Ward IV, Donna Pecherski Ward II, Kari Johnson, City Liaison.
 - A. New Green Shirt – Makarand Deo's shirt is forthcoming.
 - B. Potential new member - Rob Kilo
- III. Approval of Meeting Summary of Aug 24, 2023, Su Ghosh 1st, Donna 2nd; Secretary Pro Tem Susan Mlynarczyk
- IV. Unfinished Business
 - A. National Wildlife Federation (NWF) - 324 total communities. Some certified, some working to become certified. 4 newly certified communities. Newly registered from 7 states. Breakout sessions: incorporating art into efforts. Rob Kilo did monarch and angel tree grove with artwork at butterfly house. Schoolyard garden at the butterfly house is our first certified schoolyard garden in it. Thanks to first Director Joe Norton and carried on by Chris Hartley. Photos to NWF - they were impressed. We have attended all telecoms and zoom meetings this year. End of year fiscal reports are due by mid-December. Kari will pass along to Dir. Deickmann.
 1. Telecom/Zoom Report of 9/18 (12/4)
 - B. September 20, Chris Hartley's Presentation Critique
Discussion re getting the word out to students. Maybe to the schools - need to go to principals office with flyer and explain.
Chris is very eager and is looking forward to next time.
Perhaps suggest more questions from speaker.
Attendance was down. 7 (of 18 rsvp's) non-CCE members
Maybe ask council members to send to HOA's or put in HOA newsletter.
Usual PR: e-blasts, bulletin - we are spreading the word.
Suggestions: not a lecture, do something that engages - maybe an onsite location.
Maybe a zoom so can get more attendance
Attendees appreciated what Chris had to say.

1. Photos turned in to Kari Johnson and thanks to Vaishali and Makarand.

2. Green Teaming #69 (Chris Hartley) plan, Dir. Jennifer Mullix, 11/2, 9 AM at the Butterfly House. Get there early. He will receive a Green Team Certificate of recognition. Donna, Jeanne, Vaishali, Darcy, and Kari Johnson can be there. Darcy will send emails to others to ask. Will confirm with Jennifer.

C. October

1. Oct. 21, Fall Festival, 1 - 4 PM, by Amphitheater TBA

Set up is at noon. Don't know yet where we will be. Probably on the street right in front of veterans honor park.

a. Lead Vaishali's report: 2

'games,' recycled-content 'prizes,' needs, members attending.

Darcy went through her potential recyclable items and tested committee members.

Vaishali thinks this is enough recyclable items.

Jeanne will bring her blue recycle bin and a small black bin. Vaishali will also have a trash bin. Jeanne will bring a small trash can. Kids can sort the items into the correct bin.

Signs needed: Donna will label can "trash", A frame: Citizens Committee Recycle Game for a Prize. Maybe another A frame for pollinators - Pollinator Puzzle as tic tac toe.

Vaishali will have a list with "correct answers".

Prizes - cute tote bags and CCEAC logo frisbees - recycle content items only.

Brochures, Closing the Loop, Stellar Green Youth

Consider asking butterfly house for pollinator packs as additional prizes.

Vaishali, Darcy, Makarand, Laura, Jeanne, Donna will be there. Barron -? Rob, Su and Susan can't be there.

2. Oct. 25, for Energy Awareness Mo. And Earth Science Week,

Prof. Ness Sandoval's Presentation: Taylor Geospatial

Institute and Using Geographic Information Systems to Study Patterns on Earth," City

Hall, 6:30 - 7:30 PM. Network flyers, RSVP's. Program is for children and adults. Get the word out. Tell your trustees. Lots of important information.

Attending - Jeanne, Donna, Darcy, Barron, Rob is a maybe

D. November 15, Susan Piazza, Mgr. Republic Services,
"Sustainability in Action," City Hall, 6:30 - 7:30 PM. Network flyers,
RSVP's. Get the info out. Will be talking about sustainability in action.

E. December

1. Multipurpose Room: 12/14 or 12/21

meeting/eat and meet - Kari? Don't know date yet. Kari will check multi purpose room.

2. Green Potluck/eat & meet, Vaishali coordinator unless meeting is earlier than 12/21. Barron will help - just find out what everyone will bring. (Darcy - mixed fruits). Aiming for heavy appetizers.

3. EOY 2023 in January, 2024

F. "Without Plants, We're Toast" - links update - Kari will update. She has the notation of "yes" and "no's" to start with.

G. Eagle Scout Garden CVAC HQ update - Jeanne

It's doing nicely by itself. We haven't helped at all. It's in pretty good shape. So, our work to help city staff has been completed. Written 'how-to's' with photos given to Dir. McCarthy to train new city staff.

H. City Newsletter copy due September 27 for 12, 1, & 2, 2024

1. 'Select the Right Tree for the Right Space (native trees @ Earth Day)," Outlook for Spring,
Easy Ways to Reduce Food Wastes
Stellar Green Youth, 33rd Annual Chesterfield Earth Day (April 27th)

Arbor Days 4/5 & 4/26 where? Su wants to plant a tree at Wildhorse elementary. Vaishili will ask the principal. Need to coordinate via Kari with Geoff W. Kari will 'carry this forward.'

Winter Ecofriendly Tips - Barron - with some links and sites.

2. Earth Day 33 - plan. Sat April 27th.
compost/Walt Bressert
native trees ordered (thank you to Jeanne)
native wildflowers - Josts are donating again
general handouts – Donna and Jeanne will work on this
order Wildseed Farms Catalog? Concern re: whether all native to Missouri.
We will read the catalog and doublecheck. With what children will be doing, getting compost and planting seed in a container...some annuals, if included, are very supportive to all pollinators.

Recycle: Remains, textiles recycling said yes

The Shred Truck said no. Pro Shred also declined. Redkey is doing their recycling, shredding, and e-cycling event same day. We can focus our efforts on soil and push people to them for the recycling. We will help to promo their event and location and they will ours. Mutually inclusive.

Su's discussions with 2 small subdivisions gave areas of interest: how to garden, how to plant trees, volunteering. Maybe ask the Garden Club to do the "How to Garden". Maybe have pots, compost, seeds. Trying for hands on and interactive. Maybe do this at Earth Day 33.

I. August Recycling Results: Republic & Royal Oak
Republic - yard waste 504 cy. Recycle 360.05 tons, trash 1014.69 tons. 26.2% diversion rate. Avg diversion rate is 26.2%
Royal Oak 5.271 tons.

J. CCEAC Brochure updatings and review - any comments/suggestions?
Darcy noted updates.
Add NWF Chesterfield communities info? Darcy will try to obtain.

V. New Business

1. Minute for the Environment – Barron – Advocating Robert Kennedy
Donna will do minute for the environment next meeting.
2. Program Sign-up sheet review of members attending - done during meeting.
3. Stellar Green Youth Team Applications - available
4. Eberwein Farm Park reopening 7/7,
Tree Walk update -Kari. Have some ideas/concept in progress.
5. CFM - Conservation Federation of Missouri
 - a. Dir. Dieckmann's attendance? Unable to attend.
 - b. David Risberg Grant ideas; tree walk labels and maybe solar lamps, offset 2024 native floras costs (although no costs thanks to Jost's generosity).
6. Angel Tree Grove @ the Butterfly House - Rob passes photos

VI. Announcements: In Nov. and Dec. meet 3rd Thursdays due to holidays. Kari is checking for December date certain.

Things to do - per Kari 1 per quarter.

Tree names on the walk, list things you can do to take care of the earth.
Can do things outside, maybe weekends rather than weekdays.
Should send ideas to Kari.

VII. Adjournment at 7:33 PM

1. Next Meeting Th., October 26, 2023