

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mike Geisel, City Administrator

FROM: Tom McCarty, Director of Parks, Recreation & Arts

SUBJECT: Chesterfield Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Summary
Thursday, Nov. 17, 2022



A meeting of the Chesterfield Citizens Environmental Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, Nov. 17, 2022, in Conference Room 102/103.

In attendance were: Chair Darcy Capstick (Ward III), Laura Houck (Ward III), Jeanne Clauson (Ward III) Su Ghosh (Ward III), Paul McCool (Ward I), Susan Mlynarczyk (Ward III), Donna Pecherski (Ward 2), Madhu Bhagavatula (Ward IV) and Councilmember Gary Budoor (Ward IV). The meeting was called to order at 6:00 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 Th., Oct. 27, 2022 _____. The motion was seconded by Paul McCool, and passed by a voice vote of ____ 8. ____.

II. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Introductions – Madhu Bhagavatula was greeted by the committee. Darcy asked for her ‘golf shirt’ size so Dir. McCarthy could get her one of our ‘green shirts’ before he left.

B. National Wildlife Federation (NWF) Year End Report – Dir. McCarthy is still in the process of completing this report for 2022, our 18th year of NWF Community Recertifications, due 12/15/22. Last national telecon/Zoom is 12/5; Darcy will be on it. Waiting to hear from Josts for Meadowbrook Farm/Clarkson Ests. Entryway suggestions of native flora. The Trustees will get them and the ‘pocket park’ NWF Certified; Trustees maintain the entryways.

C. Vertical Growing Walls – this may happen at the new Logan Park. Dir. McCarthy stated that this may not be approved for the government center. Sue McCool had passed along some information on this. We continue to receive updates from a company.

D. Eagle Scout Pollinator Garden at CVAC PARKS HQ– Dir. McCarthy to check to see if ‘burn off’ is possible for weed control. The Conservation Department of Missouri does recommend burning to control weeds. Dir. McCarthy said its maintenance is ‘in limbo.’ We had turned in to him 1.5 years’ worth of notes/photos on maintaining it, which included a grant we wrote, for “maintenance education” of new city staff.

E. Tabletop – a new tabletop will be set up at city hall in early April for 3, 4, 5, 2023. We received the free three-sided Conservation Federation of Missouri's tabletop display board from Kari Johnson who picked it up for us when she was recently in Jefferson City. This will be stored at city hall in our archives and the intent is for any Parks Department staff or committee to be able to use it.

F. Meadowbrook Farm/Clarkson Ests. Entryway (See National Wildlife Federation above.)

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Speaker Series Discussion - Parks Director McCarthy said all speakers will be contacted by someone in the Parks Department through the Parks Director. We are to give Director McCarthy the name of the speaker, pertinent details, and their contact information, and he will organize everything else. Due to the youth attendance at our Ameren Presentation in October, the Stellar Green Youth Team Applications are available on our page on the city's website. We have about sixty-five youth members, as memory serves, currently and have had a hiatus of new youth members for about 10 years. Since STEM, Girl and Boy Scouts and Robotics youth attended our Ameren Presentation, we are trying to stimulate some additional interest because what they are already doing would fit into this program. Susan Mlynarczyk was checking on STEM Teachers of Missouri and could find no information. She had contacted a mother of a child in Girl Scouts/robotics group and is waiting for a return call. She and Darcy are contacting Terry Grogan for information about the Boy Scouts.

B. 2023 Potential Dates and Events -

1. Missouri Arbor Day Planting (State 4/7 or National 4/28/23). Dr. Clarice Hutchins/Pfizer has committed to be there/help at the planting ceremony. It was discussed that we prefer to plant a tree (oak) at a school, rather than in one of our Parks or on the Pfizer grounds, which are NWF Certified. The Parks Director will work on the school with our City Arborist, Geoff Wegrzyn. Darcy will update Dr. Hutchins.

2. Earth Day 32 – Dir. McCarthy told us that this will be an event to complement Earth Day. This may be the last Saturday in April. Those who have agreed to attend are: Remains/textiles recycling; St. Louis Teachers' Recycle Center/VanGo - youth book giveaway; MO Dept. of Conservation native tree giveaways with Tree Guide for Earth Day 32 (Jeanne C. is working on field descriptions); Jost Greenhouses will donate native wildflowers for giveaways; Kim Williams of the St. Louis County/Dept. Of Health/Waste and Recycling Outreach will have an education tabletop set up as will Susan Piazza of Republic Services; and St. Louis Composting with Rick Blosser and a tabletop and the Parks Pickup Truck load of free compost. Our committee will donate manually "bagged and tagged" native seed packet mixes of wildflowers, all supportive of the biodiversity of pollinators. The mixes are Butterfly/Hummingbird Blend and Cut Flower Mix. Su Ghosh made a motion to add the Cut Flower Mix and Paul McCool seconded the motion. Darcy stressed that this event cannot be the same weekend as St. Louis Earth Day which will probably be Sat., Ap. 22, 2023, but this needs to be verified; otherwise, Earth Day 32 could be Sat., April 29, 2023. St. Louis Teachers' Recycle Center/VanGo cannot attend if she has to be in two places on the same weekend (City of St. Louis and Chesterfield).

3. Chesterfield Recycle Event Option Discussion – Dir. McCarthy reiterated St. Louis County is looking for a single site to recycle paints and household hazardous waste out here. We have a "Chesterfield What and Where to Recycle Flyer

2022” which CCEAC updates each year that tells everyone where to recycle products. Educating people is most important.

We had a discussion of where to recycle certain items. St. Louis County, Dept. Of Health, Waste Management has grants for municipalities to help sponsor recycling/recycling events which will offset costs for recyclers, for example, to set up and will help fund the lack of volumes if not achieved. The City of Manchester is one such example.

4. Spring Invasive Bush Honeysuckle Eradication – Waiting for a choice #1 and choice #2 Saturday date from Terry Grogan when the Boy Scouts will be available. This eradication will happen by the Central Park Pool.

5. City Hall CCEAC Tabletop – this will be set up in early April, 2023, for 3, 4, 5, 2023.

6. Speaker Presentation – Susan Piazza/Republic will speak at a community recycling program. Park staff will coordinate and should contact Darcy Capstick.

C. “Buying Recycled Means ‘Closing the Loop’ Brochure” - Updates need to be completed per Dir. McCarthy. This will be sent to IT to be finished and placed on CCEAC’s page on the city’s website.

D. End of Year Accomplishments 2022 – The rough draft in writing has been completed; additional edits need to be made to it. Su Ghosh will add photographs to it for a “finished draft.”

E. Newsletter Deadline Dates - Deadline dates were given to Darcy Capstick. Dec. 23 articles are due to Dir. McCarthy for 3, 4, 5, 2023.

F. New Green Team Members Award Dates - The committee unanimously voted at our October meeting to accept Susan Piazza and Kim Williams as our newest Green Team Members. Number 67 is Susan Piazza of Republic Services and number 68 is Kim Williams of St. Louis County/Dept. of Health/Waste and Recycling Management. They will be honored at our Dec. 15, 2022, meeting, first-in, first-out. We will allow 15 minutes. Dir. McCarthy will bring the CCEAC Emblems with their numbers on them.

G. Name Change Recommendation Discussion – We are an advisory committee under the Parks, Rec., and Arts Department.

H. David A. Risberg Grant – We will work on the grant in January, if necessary, in order for one to be ready for December 2023. If you have any ideas now, contact Darcy Capstick. This is a Conservation Federation of Missouri Grant for Affiliates in good standing, of which we are one.

I. Elections Updates for Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary – Email nominations to Director McCarthy now. The election will be held at the first meeting of the new year. You can only vote if you are present. You can nominate yourself or others. You must be present at 50% of the meetings to remain on the committee.

J. Parks, Recreation and Arts Update – Logan Park’s contractor is slow to start. MSD has granted approval. Playground is 85% completed. There are 40 parking spots. Native garden will be coordinated with the landscape and will be ready in early summer. Eberwein Park: the dam is done and the pond is filling up. The Riparian Trail east spot – Wildhorse to Lydia Hill Dr. - is completed.

K. October Recycling Data – Republic: yard waste – 769 Cu. Yds.; recycling – 304.71 Tons; trash – 933.07 Tons. Royal Oak – requested.

IV. Other

A. Next Potential Meeting Date: Dec. 15, 2022

B. Need Members: Ward 1 – 2; Ward 2 – 3; Ward 3 – 0; Ward 4 – 3.

V. Adjournment – the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

STAFF PRESENTATION - no

REPORT - no

_____ N/A _____ made a motion to forward _____ to City Council with a recommendation to approve. The motion was seconded by _____ and passed by a voice vote of _____.

NOTES ARE IN BLACK: Not applicable to CCEAC.

Note: One Bill, as recommended by the Planning & Public Works Committee, will be needed for the _____ City Council Meeting. See Bill # (use only if PRCC makes an amendment and only pertains PC stuff)

Note: One Bill, as recommended by the Planning Commission, will be needed for the _____ City Council Meeting. See Bill #

Note: One Resolution, as recommended by the Planning & Public Works Committee, will be needed for the _____ City Council Meeting. See Resolution #

Note: This is a Site Development Plan which requires a voice vote at the _____ City Council Meeting.

Note: This is a Telecommunications Siting Permit which requires a voice vote at the _____ City Council Meeting.

(Include the following language when items are to be forwarded onto City Council)

[Please see the attached report prepared by Tom McCarthy, Director of Parks, Recreation & Arts, for additional information on _____.]