Chesterfield Citizens for the Environment Committee
Meeting Minutes
October 24, 2013, 6:30 pm
City Hall, Rooms #101-2

Committee Attendees: Darcy Capstick, Bob Ernst, Jeanne Clauson, Donna Pecherski, Ben Keathley, Ken Denson
Committee Absentees: Jeanne Tevlin, Su Ghosh, Jeff Chapple, Debbie Harrison, Patty Wiggins, Scott Soucek, Terry Grogan, Polly Rutherford
Liaison Attendees: James Mello, Councilmember Grissom, Libby Tucker
Liaison Absentees:

I. Call to Order/Agenda
A. Attendance
B. E-Reports
C. Handouts

II. Sustainability by Design Projects
A. View Stellar Green Youth Team-
Letter was sent to Jacob Mack and his parents. Letter was signed by both Darcy and the Mayor, and we will recognize Jacob at Earth Day. The total count for Stellar Green Youth: 54.
B. BioDiverCity St. Louis Update
PRC agreed to have the city participate in BDSTL. We also have permission to use the logo and requested materials in our newletters.
C. NWF
1. Report on Invasive Honeysuckle removal at Chesterfield Elementary- Cleaned out a lot of honeysuckle. However, we still had to leave some huge ones behind. So there is still more work to do. Removed a total of five and half yards with 31 people in 3 hours. West News will have a report in their next issue.
2. Telephone Conference Update- Teleconference concentrated on our community event ideas. They suggested annual events that people can count on. NWF is aware of BDSTL and may be a future partner. Tentatively, they will be sending a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) judge from their Texas office for earth day youth in science competition.

D. Care Bears Update
1. Dropped off Care Bears and Binkie Blankets at Wings of Hope and presented at their Board Meeting. Afterward we were given a tour of their hangar and facilities.
2. Jeanne T. continues working on providing bears to schools.
3. More Care Bears: 130 total!
4. Restocked St. Luke's Pediatrics & Police. We have started a spreadsheet to keep track.
5. We will have a visitor from Lydia's House at our December meeting. We will give care bears then.

E. CCE's contest for homeowners 2014- Development Report
Contest will be limited to new gardens. There will be a qualifying minimum of 50 sq. ft. for the small garden contest and 300 sq. ft. for the large garden contest. Gardens will receive a scaled score and we will award in 2015. Still deciding when to open the contest in 2014. Could potentially use as an incentive to attend earth day. Need to develop the application form.
F. 17th America/Missouri/Chesterfield Recycles Day, Sat., Nov. 9
Set-up will begin at 8am. Event runs from 9 to 1pm. Bandanas will possibly be attending.

G. WITS monthly recycling schedule

The last Saturday is in November. Beginning in February, they will resume every month on the fourth Saturday..

H. City Hall recycling update

James estimated we are at 50% diversion by volume.

I. 23rd Annual Chesterfield Earth Day Festival

1. Parkway for partnership opportunity- Earth Day will be moved to Parkway West. We will be able to set up under the overhang and move inside easily if weather does not cooperate.
2. Tree Giveaway Selection- Final vote for ten tree selections: Elderberry, Flowering Dogwood, Hackberry, Redbud, Rose Mallow, Serviceberry, Sumard Oak, Short-Leafed Pine, Gray Dogwood, and Wild Plum.
3. Committee voted in favor of giveaway of native flora/native flora seeds especially for the 2014 Contest for homeowners
4. Earth Day Youth in Science Competition: need to get initial flyers out so youth know not to throw away their school science projects.

J. Chesterfield 4Ps Brochure

Proof copy was sent to James. The brochure has been finalized. Final copy is on two pages with a single fold.

K. Updated 'Buying Recycled' Flyer

Need to bring ap. 200 to Nov. 9 event so we can give out information.

L. Solar Fair

Will be held at City Hall from 4-8pm on 2/20/2014. Several companies already committed including: MicroTechnology, IBW, Ameren. Several of the largest installers will be present. In total 6 entities have committed.

M. December Meeting- Green Potluck.

III. Calendar:

A. 17th America/Missouri/Chesterfield Recycles Day. Saturday Nov. 9, 2013 at Central Park Parking Lot Drive. Set-up: 8-9am and event 9am-1pm

B. REMINDER: Nov. and Dec. meetings are on 3rd Thursdays due to holidays.

IV. Next Meeting: November 21, 6:30pm, City Hall- Presenter: EarthDance Farms, Matt Lebon, Volunteer Coordinator.