

MEETING MINUTES
Chesterfield Citizens Committee for the Environment
July 25, 2013, 6:30 p.m.
City Hall, Rooms #101-2

Committee Attendees: Darcy Capstick, Jeanne Tevlin, Donna Pecherski, Bob Ernst, Scott Soucek, Jeanne Clauson, Patty Wiggins, Ken Denson, Ben Keathley, Polly Rutherford

Committee Absentees: Jeff Chapple, Debbie Harrison, Terry Grogan, Su Ghosh

Liaison Attendees: Libbey Tucker, Elliot Grissom, Dan Hurt

Liaison Absentees: James Mello

Note: All agenda items were discussed; necessary outcomes/actions noted.

I. Call to Order/Agenda

A. Attendance/Absences/Notices.

B. E-Reports: 6/27/13 Minutes, A/W Republic, Abi/Bow (16.918 tons) & updated CCE Roster

C. Handouts: SOLAR U, CCE Brochure, 7/1 newsletter articles.

UPDATED: 10 Recycle Reasons/20 Ways to Save Energy flyer, Your Blue Planet's GREEN Challenge – Secondary Edition, City's Green Initiatives Brochure. *Due to computer issues, these will be emailed.*

DRAFTS: Help Chesterfield – 4 P's Flyer and 17th Annual America/Missouri/Chesterfield Recycles Event Sat., Nov. 9 flyer/Layout. *All being worked on.*

II. "Sustainability by Design" Projects

A. Presenter: Richard Weirzba, Arm Strong Environmental, Multi-Family Dwelling Unit (MFDU) Recycling. (15 min.) *ASE currently has seven clients locally and 42 nationwide. Richard presented his approach to implementing recycling for multi-family dwellings. ASE is currently gathering data for their study, but it shows that multi-family dwellings have low participation and high contamination rates when using drop-off sites. ASE provides 'valet' single stream pick up service 4-5 times a week. They also provide a financial incentive to building owners. Testimonials report that waste has been reduced from 35-50%, depending on the client. The next step is for Richard to present to the building managers/owners the revenue generation and waste reduction his recycling provides. Mr. Weirzba is finishing a County Grant, and they will help to get his MFDU information out.*

B. Report - NWF Quarterly National Telecom of July 18/eminutes forthcoming - Darcy. *Darcy reported that the recent NWF reorganization resulting from cost reductions has resulted in new contacts. There were 35 communities from across the nation participating in this call, and the Community Wildlife Habitat program and post-certification goals will continue.*

1. Potential Contest for Homeowners (Spring 2014). *A sub-committee of Patty, Ben, Donna and Bob will develop recommendations for a homeowner landscape contest, similar to Signature Gardens, which encompasses native flora and pollinators. The 'backdrop' for this effort includes the NWF Certified Gardens, the Wild Ones/Shaw Nature Reserve's The Landscape Challenge, and the 25th Anniversary Signature Garden Helps Pollinators Model.*

C. Girl Scout Troop #1171's Recycled Content Fashion Show/Earth Day 2012 DVD. Placement Letter with DVD to St. Louis County/RBM, MORA, City's Agenda – Libbey, Darcy. *Libbey will send a letter to the County to get the DVD on the County's, RBM's, and MORA's websites. We will also have the DVD available at the City for everyone to use. The DVD is available for Committee member use.*

D. Care Bears update – Libbey, Jeanne T., Darcy. *We will add handmade blankets for youth.*

1. Wings of Hope – *the committee viewed the new 'batch' which will be held until the youth blankets are delivered. Verification will occur with Wings of Hope to assure that both Bears and Blankets will be acceptable.*

2. Schools *Jeanne T. will pursue contact with Rockwood, Parkway and others.*
 3. Process?
- E. Update on 7/13/13 Parks & Recreation Citizens Advisory Cmte Meeting - Darcy. *Park Patrols will be implemented to identify any problems/issues that may exist in any of our parks.*
1. 2014 MDOC Community Stewardship Grant – update/next meeting? – Darcy. *Consideration is being given to a savannah and a possible stream walk at Eberwein Park. This Grant will use our Community Stewardship Team, and will be written by and managed by Parks Director Tom McCarthy and City Arborist Mindy Mohrman.*
- F. 17th America/Missouri/Chesterfield Recycles Day, Sat., Nov. 9, 2013, at Central Park/Pavilion Drive-thru/ using Earth Day Layout. Plan. 8-9 AM Set-Up. 9 AM – 1 PM. Bicycle Recycling, new recyclers review (3 St. Louis Green, Operation Food Search, Charity Sharity). *Conflict with the agreement with our primary recycler, MRC, precludes us from having St. Louis Green participate. NEW Guidelines on city web site? View DRAFT Flyer. Volunteer needs. Libbey, Darcy. Libbey will develop the flyer.*
- G. 4 P's Brochure drafting – Bob, Darcy. *Bob circulated his proposed write-up again and requested improvement suggestions from the Committee prior to our next meeting. Bob also signed up as a representative from the CCE at the Missouri Botanical Garden's BiodiverCity meeting. They are looking for us to acknowledge that the City supports our membership. Libbey will pursue obtaining the necessary approval, but in the interim, we will ask for an extension to the August 1 deadline or decline membership.*
- H. Updating BRMCTL – Jeanne C., Jeanne T., Donna P., Debbie H., Patty W. *In process.*
- I. *Final Draft: Your Blue Planet's GREEN Challenge – Secondary Edition update – Su, James. Libbey will email the update to the Committee members.*
- J. City's Green Initiatives Flyer Update - James. *Libbey or James will email the update to the Committee members.*
- K. CCE Benevolence Update - Libbey.
1. *Helping WITS. \$500 was donated to WITS by CCE.*
 2. *Art Décor's Butterflies. \$267 remains in our account. Libbey reminded us that we will receive \$500 from MRC at November's Recycling event.*
- L. 54th – St. Louis Composting and 55th – Ted Jansen (local Bee Keeper), Green Team Members. City Council Monday, Aug. 19? – Darcy & Libbey – *a sign-up sheet was passed out.*
- M. SOLAR U – free educational program for Subdivision Trustees and/or? January/February at city hall? – Darcy & Libbey *We will have further discussion on this item because it may be more of a sales pitch from one installer than an objective discussion. Bob volunteered to get two more 'vendors' to balance the free, tentative education program.*
- N. MISC: Getting Smoke House & Lion's Choice NWF certified, CCE's paving stone. *Jeanne C. will verify Lions Choice's plantings.*
- O. Other. *Proposed City newsletter items were distributed.*
- III. Calendar:
- A. Nov. 9, 2013 - 17th America/Missouri/Chesterfield Recycles Day Sat., Central Park/Pavilion Parking Lot Drive-Thru, 8-9 AM set-up; 9 AM – 1 PM.
 - B. October – Energy Awareness Month/Energy Star.
- IV. Next Meeting: August 22, 6:30 PM, City Hall – Room #101-2.