

MEETING MINUTES
Chesterfield Citizens Committee for the Environment
June 26, 2014, 6:30 p.m.
City Hall, Rooms #101/2

Committee Attendees: Darcy Capstick, Bob Ernst, Su Ghosh, Donna Pecherski, Jeanne Tevlin, Polly Rutherford, Jeff Chapple, Scott Soucek, Ben Keathley

Committee Absentees: Ken Denson, Jeanne Clauson, Terry Grogan, Patty Wiggins

Liaison Attendees: Libbey Tucker, James Mello, Elliot Grissom

Guest Attendees: Bart Connor, Treasurer and Board Member of Crisis Nursery.

All agenda items were discussed. Necessary outcomes/actions are noted.

I. Call to Order/Agenda.

A. Attendance/Absences/Notices.

B. E-Reports: 5/22/14 Minutes, A/W Republic, Abi/Bow (5/14- 22.094 tons).

C. Organics Recycling – visit Blue Skies Recycling site

<http://www.blueskiesrecycling.com/Organics> for handout coupons to leave with restaurant managers when you eat out.

D. Laptop viewing as necessary.

II. “Sustainability by Design” Projects.

A. Partner: Manager Mary Pat Smith, St. Louis Crisis Nursery – Su G.

introduction. (10 minutes) Board Member Bart Connor of Chesterfield an overview and history of Crisis Nursery. Essentially, established in 1985, they have five nurseries and seven outreach centers throughout the St. Louis metropolitan area. Their objectives are to save babies, keep kids safe and build families. They accomplish this through a crisis hotline and family empowerment. We are happy to partner with them, and we gave them a good supply of bears and blankets.

B. Binkie Blankets and Comfort Bears restocking (540 Bears & 50 Blankets Given Away, including Crisis Nursery) – Darcy, Libbey.

1. Delivery to Wings of Hope. Who/when? *Libbey reported they were dropped off today. Our stocks are now depleted. We need to replenish them. The woman who has made 500 Comfort Bears for our sustained network of recipients initiated by Charity-Sharity collecting sewing notions, etc., at our Recycling Drives, was sent a personalized THANK YOU Card with special photo inserts.*

C. City Contract with Republic Services – Libbey *We will extend the contract for seven years. There will be no price increase in years one and seven and a 1.5% increase in years two through six. In October new carts for trash will be disseminated to the residents.*

D. Grants – Darcy, Libbey, James.

1. Community Stewardship Grant/MDOC – Sat., 6/21 report. *Darcy reviewed the event the result of which will certainly attract more pollinators enhancing the quality of nature there.*

E. NWF – Darcy.

1. National Telecom – 6/10 report. Next: 8/5, 3 PM. *NWF has completed their system and matrix modifications for registered-to-become-Certified communities. There are 130 registered and certified municipalities. There is a new president.*

2. Landscapers National Certification program. CCE referrals. *We need to pursue certification of the Botanical Gardens. Also, if anyone*

has suggestions for additional certification candidates, please advise Darcy.

3. **Smoke House** getting certified with Jeanne C.? *Darcy will follow up.*
4. **Recommendations for Gift Certifications?** (NWF/Sig.Gdn.) *We need to solicit candidates.*

- F. **Report on PRCAC meeting of 6/14** – Darcy. *Taste of St. Louis is July 20-21. Also, if anyone notices things that need repair in our city parks/trails, let's use this meeting to note them and convey them to PRCAC. We are applying for a grant to remove silt from the pond at Eberwein Park and put in plantings to improve the aquatic habitat there; CCE was asked to be a Partner.*
- G. **24th Annual Chesterfield Earth Day Festival 2015** – Sat., April 25, 2015.
1. Expanding/improving site or location. *Libbey will meet with Chesterfield Mall to discuss the use of the mall for the 2015 Earth Day.*
 2. YISTEMR improvements. Discussion. *There was much discussion. The next step will be a meeting among Chesterfield Elementary, Wildhorse Elementary, teachers, parents and members of the CCE to see if we can develop an approach that the CCE can provide enhanced value to STEMR youth.*
- H. **BiodiverseCity St. Louis Update** – Bob, Darcy.
1. Educators Summit: 7/14-16; Chesterfield Elementary School presenting. *The summit is surveying environmental organizations to determine the outreach activities that have had the most success. This is the first step to find out the environmental activities that are happening in St. Louis.*
- I. **18th America/Missouri/Chesterfield Recycles Event, Sat., Nov. 8** – Darcy, Jeanne C.
1. 5Rs – re/ecycle drive-thru in parking lot, Central Park Pool Area.
 - a. Are all re/yclers verified to ensure in newsletter? *James will handle. Operation Food Search will not participate. The recent results do not make it worth their while.*
 - b. DRAFT Flyer due 7/24/14.
 - c. “Buying Recycled Means Closing the Loop” brochure (incl. 5Rs); and update of Chesterfield What and Where to Recycle – needs to be updated. Updating crew needed? *Donna, Jeanne T., Jeanne C., and Su will handle – target August.*
 2. Milkweed Seed Give Away at Pavilion. Give out 4Ps information & planting info. Procurement of seeds? *There will be four species from Lil Collins/Ozark Berry Farm, LLC, if all goes to plan given weather factors, etc. Darcy offered the Committee's help to 'bag and tag' the seeds. Director Chris Hartley of the Butterfly House will also be contributing milkweed seeds as well; species not clear at this time.*
- J. **Grow Native! Demo Garden Clean Up.** Faust Park. July or August. Who/when? *We need to consider when we want to do this.*
- K. **Other.** *Donna P. agreed to do the "October is Energy Awareness Month" tabletop with set-up M 10/6 and take-down M 10/20/14; this was discussed due to earlier deadlines for the 9, 10, 11/14 city newsletter articles.*
- III. **Calendar:** *18th America/MO/Chesterfield Recycles Event, Sat., 11/8/14, Central Park/Pool/Pavilion Drive-Thru.
- IV. **Next Meeting:** July 24, 2014, 6:30 P.M., City Hall – Rms. # 101/2. A/W Republic Presenters.