

MEETING MINUTES
Chesterfield Citizens Committee for the Environment
November 21, 2013, 6:30 p.m.
City Hall, Rooms #101-2

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

Committee Absentees: Debbie Harrison, Ken Denson

Liaison Attendees: James Mello

Liaison Absentees: Libby Tucker, Elliot Grissom

Guest Speaker: Matt Lebon, EarthDance Farm

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

I. Call to Order/Agenda

A. Attendance/Absences/Notices.

B. E-Reports: 10/24/13 Minutes - **approved**, A/W Republic- **diversion continues to increase**, Abi/Bow (10/13 22.116 tons).

C. Handouts: Energy Efficiencies Auditors List, TX Wildseed Farms Catalog - **the 2013 catalog remains current**, Initial Youth in Science/Tech./Engineering/Math/Robotics Earth Day Competition 2014 Flyer (**currently being located by James**); CFM's Natural Resource Scholarship Program; 4Ps Help Chesterfield - **James will send electronically**; Buying Recycled Brochure- **James will send electronically**.

II. "Sustainability by Design" Projects

A. Presenter: EarthDance Farm, Matt Lebon, Volunteer Coordinator. (15 min.) **EarthDance Farms is a non-profit organization whose objective is to provide training to individuals and corporations to provide solutions to environmental and health problems by empowering people to take back the process of growing organic food. They are located at the Mueller farm in Ferguson, and this is historically the oldest organic farm in Missouri. Their activities include farm and garden apprenticeships, volunteer groups, tours, cooperation with students and teachers, and workshops. In five years they've had 120 graduates.**

B. BiodiverseCity St. Louis Update – Darcy **There is an update meeting on 12/5 from Noon to 2PM at the Earthways Center of Missouri Botanical Garden in the Commerce Bank Center for Science Education, Room 119. Darcy and James will attend. Additional attendees were solicited.**

C. NWF – Darcy, Jeanne T.

1. Quarterly National Telecon 11/ 26. **It will be at 3PM, and participants were solicited.**

2. Chesterfield Elementary School update.

a. Honeysuckle eradication. **On 10/12 5.5 yards of honeysuckle were eradicated. On 11/21 there is a workshop taking place to determine what will replace the honeysuckle.**

b. Outdoor conservation bulletin board. **Home Depot is donating lumber for the bulletin board.**

c. Trees for Wildlife – 4/14. **Working on this for Missouri's Arbor Day.**

d. Usage of Blue Planet's Green Challenge **James will create an electronic version for both the elementary and secondary editions.**

D. Report on St. Louis County/DOH/Waste Mgmt. regional meeting of 11/13 – Darcy **The case was made for County to help with paint recycling and battery recycling, as well as HH organics collections.**

E. Care Bears/Blankets Metrics update – Libbey, Darcy, Polly

1. Dec. Meeting-Guest from Lydia's House, Janel Uelk, Facilities Manager (presentation of bears) **11 blankets and 152 Care Bears have been presented. There are 15 for Immaculate Conception and 35 for Lydia's House are being held.**

- F. CCE's Contest for Homeowners 2014 - Development Team Report - Ben, Bob, Patty, Polly, Donna. 'Whole Package' due Dec. 19 meeting. *A 3-page description of the contest was developed to include the criteria, evaluation scheme and necessary contestant information. It will be sent electronically to the Committee members for their input.*
1. Signage for winners: 2 NWF Certification outdoor signs for a small area and a big area winner to include posting as part of the 'winning.' *Should we have a financial reward for the winners? Possibly an appropriate matching gift certificate? To be further discussed.*
- G. Recap of 17th America/Missouri/Chesterfield Recycles Day, Sat., Nov. 9, 2013
1. PR, Layout, # cars, food, giveaways, metrics, unit labels, transferability, weather, etc. *James read the results of the amounts of various materials collected. Jeff reiterated the need to have individual signs for each station designating the material that can be collected. James will pursue the use of reusable signs.*
 2. Paint and batteries; advised St. Louis County/DOH – Waste Mgmt. Meeting *We had requests from citizens to collect paint and various batteries. Darcy has information on a company that will collect paint. Currently, it is not economical for Batteries+ to collect alkaline batteries. We will discuss using some of the Committee's money to incentivize Batteries+ to collect these batteries.*
- H. City Hall Recycling update – James. *Approximately 50% by volume and 60% by weight.*
- I. Chesterfield's CCE Chronicles – Darcy. *Bob commented that the compilation of accomplishments and metrics provides other organizations guidance on implementation of various actions. It also provides feedback to Chesterfield citizens on the Committee and City's historical accomplishments and sustainability metrics.*
- J. 23rd Annual Chesterfield Earth Day Festival 2014: Sat., April 26, 2014 - update – Libbey, James, Darcy.
1. Native Trees ordered after January 1. *The City will order our voted-upon MDOC native trees and woody shrubs after the first of the year. This list with "field" definitions has been forwarded to the City for the 2014 Tree Guide.*
 2. Native flora &/or native flora seeds to help 'feed' our "2014 Contest for Homeowners," Jeanne C., Donna P., Darcy. *We will order a pound of 11 different varieties of native flora and a pound of cut flower seeds; total cost of about \$85. To be ordered are native wildflowers from Lil Collins, Ozark Berry Farm, LLC, a quality Grow native.*
 3. Earth Day Youth STEM-R(robotics) Competition flyer update – James
 4. Turn in Vendor's Contact Information to Libbey now. *James*
- K. SOLAR FAIR – free education program for Subdivision Trustees/families/businesses 2/20/14, 4 PM – 8 PM; flyer due & distribution starting at Dec. meeting – Bob E. *Bob indicated he has six interested solar supplier presenters of varying sizes and type of customer focus (i.e., commercial, residential, etc.). Therefore, the Fair should be pertinent for anyone interested in learning about solar energy for their application. Bob will finalize the presenters and forward the logos to James to develop and circulate the flyer to the CCE for approval.*
- L. December 19 'Green Potluck' – Polly R. *The sign-up sheet was completed.*
- M. Reciprocating sustainability – Darcy. *Possibly using some of our money to incentivize Batteries+ to collect alkaline batteries.*
- N. Other. *Scott reported that we received an application for the Stellar Green Youth Team from Katie Kersting, a high school freshman who participated in the 2012 Earth day and the 2012 and 2013 Recycles Day events. Therefore, she has met the criteria for the award. It was recommended that a letter and certificate be sent to her, and that she be invited to be recognized at the 2014 Earth Day.*

III. Calendar:

- A. February 20, 2014, SOLAR FAIR
- B. WITS 2014 Schedule-4th Saturday, Feb-Nov. 9-3 at CVAC

IV. Next Meeting: December 19, 6:30 PM, City Hall – Multipurpose Room/Potluck/End of Year Metrics.