

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Chesterfield Citizens Committee for the Environment**  
**February 26, 2015, 6:30 p.m.**  
**City Hall, Rm. # 101-2**

*All agenda items were discussed; necessary outcomes/actions are noted.*

- I. Call to Order/Agenda/Notices:** Welcome to Mr. Paul Travers, New CCE Member from Ward I. Thank you to Bob for last month's minutes.
- A. Attendance/Absences.**
1. Attendees: Darcy Capstick, Jeanne Tevlin, Bob Ernst, Paul Travers, Donna Pechersky, Polly Rutherford, Patty Wiggins, Ken Denson, Jeanne Clauson, Terry Grogan,
  2. City Liaison in Attendance: Libbey Tucker, James Mello
  3. Absences: Ben Keathley, Su Ghosh
- B. E-Reports:** 1/22/15 minutes were available to all members, A/W Republic, Royal Oak Recycling (1/15- 75 tons); 2/10/15 NWF Telecon Minutes were attached to James email report; 24<sup>th</sup> Earth Day Flyer also attached to James's email. Earth Hour Flyer was updated by Su and will be part of our March tabletop display. Youth In Science Expo Application was also attached and sent to members by James. Green Team Press Release for partners #56, #57, and #58. City Council speech on Green Teaming is incorporated by reference with these minutes.
- II. "Sustainability by Design" Projects; laptop as necessary.**
- A. Traveling "All in One" Recycling Tabletop – Donna, Jeanne C, Darcy, Libbey.**
1. Republic donation of flyers will be available but will not have recycle unit; visual presentation of recycle and non-recycle materials for table top. Donna will set up display and will include Earth Day flyers.
  2. Tabletop schedule thus far: 4-1-15 thru 4-15-15 at Sachs Library; 4-16-15 thru 4-24-15 at City Hall.
  3. Other handouts for this tabletop? *Chesterfield What and Where*, we need 25-30 copies for Sachs Library. Keep handouts focused on recycling and on kids.
- B. Follow-up 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Native Gardening Grow-Off/replies update – James, Darcy.** James reported that we have four replies so far.
1. NWF Signage/exhibits. Review Awards.
  2. October City Council announcements of small & large winner. Awards of Membership at Missouri Botanical Garden or gift card, or Family Native Gardening Grow-Off signature garden certification, and an outdoor sign to be displayed in their garden showing NWF certification, and a backyard composter to be awarded in a drawing between the two winners.
- C. PRCAC Meeting of 2/21/15 review – Darcy** reported the meeting was cancelled due to the weather.
1. MO Arbor Day Tree Planting Celebration, Sat., April 11, 2015, River's Edge Park Opening for Public at 11 AM !
- D. Citizen of the Year/Volunteer Recognition – Libbey.**

1. RSVP for dinner (March 18 dinner) by 3-13, do so soon; can bring guest if desired.

**E. Brochures/Flyers**

1. “Without Plants, We’re TOAST” – Bob, Darcy. Brochure is ready for distribution. All changes must be received NLT Friday, 3-6-15.

**F. NWF National Telecon of 2/10/15 highlights – Darcy, Donna.**

1. Butterfly Hero Pledging process/site still in the works.
2. NWF Wildlife Week 3-9 thru 3-15, Libbey will check to see if that’s OK with the City; Darcy ordered a bunch of freebie literature/tabletop at city hall in March ([www.nwf.org/wildlife](http://www.nwf.org/wildlife)). NWF is cooperating with U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service in terms of improving grasslands, etc.
3. Creve Coeur is organizing a committee to get NWF certification!
4. Report on Chesterfield Elementary Leadership Day 2/5/15. Jeanne T. reported that CE received a \$500 grant from DOC to put a pond on school grounds and a Wild Ones grant to build a Scented Garden. Darcy reported that CE’s Dr. Brooks wants determine if students can use student-made drums to attract attention and announce YIS honor awards at Earth Day Chesterfield Mall.

**G. 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Chesterfield Earth Day, Sat., April 25, 2015, 8 – 10 AM Set-Up; Official Opening Ceremony @ 10 AM; to 3 PM – everyone.**

1. 2015 Draft Tree Guide for Earth Day was prepared by Libbey’s assistant, Pam, and distributed to CCE members. Labelled tree buckets will be brought to Mall and placed near our tree table. Pre-printed labels with the names of give-away trees will be available for visitors to label their own trees.
2. Event Flyers distribution; flyers are in e-format so can be sent via internet. Paul Travers asked if flyers can be sent to Delmar Gardens and Friendship Village: short answer, yes. Copies will be sent to Sachs Properties, Ascension Church, St. John’s UCC, Highcroft School, Lord of Life, Library, Sears, Dierbergs, Schnucks, Bonhomme Church, Boy and Girl Scouts, Chesterfield Elementary, Wildhorse Elementary, Butterfly House, dance classes, and subdivision trustees.
3. Vendors E-mailed info -- # RSVPs? James reported that ten have registered so far. 12 vendors wanted more info. James will re-E-blast those who have not responded.
4. Youth in Science Expo Gallery plan. Gallery to be on the lower level near Dillard’s. Will be on display from April 18 to May 2. Su’s friend, Rimi, who is studying EE at MIT, was asked to send electronic greetings and encouragement to the Youth in Science kids, which she did. Tour of Monsanto/Pfizer subsequent to ED for “Youth In Science” courtesy of Dr. Clarice Hutchins. Buttons will be in next week and will be incorporated into the ribbons.
5. 10<sup>th</sup> Post-Certification Goals Certificate to Mayor at Opening. Waiting on confirmation from NWF or will reuse the October 2014 plaque.
6. Earth Day Agenda to be posted on an easel within Donna’s “Picture Frame”. Laminated collage of materials, such as Girl Scouts and Boy

Scouts activities, etc. Paul might be able to get materials from Butterfly House for inclusion. Dancers from Hawaiian/Polynesian Review have requested CCE to cover their gasoline costs at \$25 per dancer for a total of \$125. After discussion, the members decided 7-2 to send that request to the City Administrator for his decision per CCE's protocol.

7. Updated Community Stewardship Scroll/Milkweed Plants – James reported he will print enough for 200 signatures.
8. Stage size for the dancers is 12 panels each 4ft. x 8ft. are available. Microphone will also be available for their use.
9. Indoor & Outdoor Layouts DRAFTS @ Feb. 26 meeting. Will be coming in March. Volunteers needed for re/recycling. Libbey has asked church for volunteers but has not heard back yet. Need volunteers at tree give-away. Most Boy Scouts will be at camporee.
10. CCE Tables - Need to know about our tables for what/discuss. Three tables needed: Recycling, Tree Table, sustainable gardening hand-outs/milkweed plant giveaway.
11. Wildseed Farms seed order – Donna and Jeanne reported that we should order the cut flower mix and the butterfly/hummingbird blend. Agreed unanimously.

J. **BiodiverseCity St. Louis update** – Bob. Nothing to report this month.

K. **Other.** Polly asked about recycling old vinyl records. Answer: Can be sold to Vintage Vinyl.

### III. **Calendar:**

**National Wildlife Week 3/9-15/15;**

**World Water Day 3/22/15**

**International Earth Hour 3/28/15** Include in March tabletop. Stellar Green Youth Team, Blue Planet Green Challenge E & S ed.

**Sat., April 11 Public Opening of River's Edge Park/MO Arbor Day Tree Planting 11 A.M.**

**19<sup>th</sup> Chesterfield/MO/America Recycles Event 11/7/15.**

**Adjourned: 8:05 PM.**

**Next Meeting:** March 26, 2015, 6:30 P.M., City Hall – Rms. # 101/2.