

Minutes

Chesterfield Citizens Committee for the Environment
September 26, 2013, 6:30 p.m.
City Hall, Rooms #101-2

Committee Attendees: Darcy Capstick, Bob Ernst, Jeanne Clauson, Terry Grogan, Donna Pecherski, Polly Rutherford, Ben Keathley

Committee Absentees: Jeanne Tevlin, Ken Denson, Su Ghosh, Jeff Chapple, Debbie Harrison, Donna Pecherski, Patty Wiggins, Scott Soucek

Liaison Attendees: James Mello

Liaison Absentees: Councilmember Grissom, City Staff Liaison Tucker

I. Call to Order/Agenda

A. Attendance/Absences/Notices.

B. E-Reports: 8/22/13 Minutes, A/W Republic, Abi/Bow

C. Handouts: 17th Annual America/Missouri/Chesterfield Recycles Event Sat., Nov. 9 Flyer/Layout; Your Blue Planet's GREEN Challenge – Secondary Edition.

II. “Sustainability by Design” Projects

A. ~~Special Guest – Diane Droege, Girl Scout Troop #1668 Leader, Update on Troop's Plan for promoting Recycles Day and participation at event.~~ – Unable to make meeting due to traffic. Libbey will email Release Forms for Nov. 9 and our 17th America/Missouri/Chesterfield Recycles Event flyer for their distribution to MFDU's again.

B. Stellar Green Youth Team – New Applicant, Jacob Mack, & update - Scott S.- 54th application so far. In the past, Jacob has helped Rrepair the Riparian at Eberwein Park, helped collect items for recycling day, and Earth Day. Scott S. has asked that a letter be sent out to Jacob's parents to congratulate them all and indicate that the Award Certificate will be given out at our next Earth Day. Committee approved preparing an acknowledgment letter of congrats. Committee also approved presenting award at the next Earth Day.

C. Movement of “Tree Wall” with Certifications, Proclamations, Awards, etc. – Darcy. - Consolidating and moving the “Tree Wall” for child's eye level by the staircase will be a better way to connect visually with younger people, whom we are trying to target.

D. BiodiverseCity St. Louis Update –Darcy- The City has approved our recommendation to be Leaders at BioDiverseCity St. Louis!

Bob- We are in a good position right now because we are an example. We have been doing this for a long time. We should provide a list of accomplishments that we've had over the past years. This could serve as an example of what other cities can accomplish in a political/

municipal environment. We need to lead by holding ourselves out, but we have to make the information available in order to do so.

E. NWF – Darcy.

1. Update - FIRST Public Rockwood Schoolyard Wildlife Habitat Site in Chesterfield; & National School of Character. – Eliza Russel expedited application process and we received a free Certified Schoolyard Habitat Site sign to award to Chesterfield Elementary.

a. Invasive honeysuckle removal: B & G Scouts, PRCAC- The wildlife site at Chesterfield Elementary is quite expansive and should leave plenty of work for all scouts helping out. May provide a good site for a future merit badge project as well for a scout. Parks and Recs. Cmte members may attend the honeysuckle removal.

TBA for October 12, details TBA from school. Sign-Up Sheet.

2. National Telephone Conference of 9/24, 3 PM Central. The NWF is making their outreach more tangible.

F. Care Bears update.

1. Wings of Hope: Bears and Binkie Blankets - - date/time/place. – Ann Volland, Administrative Manager said that Tuesdays in October will be best for dropping off care bears at Wings of Hope. Date is currently set for October 22. The Board of Directors will be there that day. We will show up at 8:45 A.M. for their 9am meeting to present the care bears and blankets.

2. Working the Schools – Jeanne T.

3. More Care Bears: 80 received!- Both the Police and Fire Departments have requested some more care bears as well.

G. October Energy Awareness Tabletop – up Mon., Oct. 7/down Thurs., Oct. 24

– **Donna, Jeanne C., Darcy.** – October 7th date is good. Besides the 'normal' array, utility companies will be providing information, especially on building auditors, to pass out.

H. CCE's Contest for Homeowners 2014 - Development Team Report: Ben,

Bob, Patty, Polly, Donna. Whole package due Dec. 19 meeting. – Characteristics by which we will judge the gardens by have been decided and the judging process is being currently discussed. We have to figure out open and closing application dates. Also, there's the issue of giving people time for the gardens to develop before judging. Currently discussing how long after application due date judging should take place? Also issue of whether allowing past winners to enter. Families must do planting themselves. Flyer will be developed by Nov. 21 meeting.

I. PRCAC – 9/21 – Darcy. – letter of support and endorsement was written and sent on September 13 to Mindy Mohrman for this MDOC/CS 2014 Grant Application. If we do get the grant it commits us to the project for both a Spring and Fall 2014 planting at Eberwein Park.

J. 17th America/Missouri/Chesterfield Recycles Day, Sat., Nov. 9, 2013, at

Central Park/Pavilion Drive-Thru. 8-9 AM Set-Up. 9 AM – 1 PM. – The first Recycles Day drive was in 1996. That year we had one textile drive. Obviously a lot of growth since then.

We still need to coordinate how many volunteers we need, and James is working on this. Also need to figure out volunteers for the electronics drive. New guidelines are available at the city website:

<http://www.chesterfield.mo.us/america-recycles-day.html>. Make sure to distribute flyers (handed out at meeting). Also, the flyer pdf is available so we all can print and distribute more. Ask Libbey for the pdf file. We will be giving out information, not purchased items.

K. City Hall Recycling update – James. – Posters have been placed on recycle bins which list everything that can be recycled. City Hall now has dumpsters in place of the several roll out trash cans.

L. 23rd Annual Chesterfield Earth Day Festival 2014: Sat., April 26, 2014; where; when; who? – Libbey. -

M. Living Legacy/Ted Jansen/Eastern Mo Beekeepers – Darcy. – Mr. Jansen passed away shortly after we honored him at last month's City Council meeting. The homestead is for sale. The potential for the city to purchase the homestead before its gone has been referred to PRCAC. Committee approved adopting a tree in Mr. Jansen's name and funding a portion of a plaque commemorating him. We will request the city to fund a portion as well.

N. Help with Chesterfield/4 P's Brochure; Final due Oct. 24 meeting – Bob E. – Get any comments on the brochure to Bob, if you haven't already.

O. Buying Recycles Means Closing the Loop Brochure update; due Oct. 24 meeting – Jeanne C., Jeanne T., Donna P., Debbie H., Patty W. – Everything should be updated by October 24th meeting.

P. Your Blue Planet's GREEN Challenge – Secondary Edition – Su, James.

1. Change out verbiage of 'Good Neighbor Pledge' as 'header' on city's web site to 'Your Blue Planet's GREEN Challenge – El. Or Sec. Edition'. – Will be tested out at Chesterfield Elementary School. We need to get it on to the city website, and we should consider changing the headings on the secondary brochures to stand out from the elementary brochures.

Q. SOLAR FAIR – free education program for Subdivision Trustees/public/city hall/when/presenters/dates – whole plan/Vote – Bob E. – Names of companies still being finalized. Need to shore-up a solid date before we can expect commitments. Committee picked Thursday February 20 at city hall from 4-8pm. We should set a goal to have a flyer up with the date posted by December.

~~R. NWF Certifications: Smoke House, checking Lion's Choice – Jeanne C., Darcy. Are all our residences NWF Certified?~~

S. Conservation Leadership Corps/CFM – Affiliate Member Recommendations DUE 10/31 - - BRING NOMINATIONS WRITTEN UP TO NEXT

MEETING (10/24) OR EMAIL directly. – (Link to nomination form provided below). If any members know any worthy candidates we will send out the nomination as a committee, which will carry more clout. This is a good opportunity for our scouts that have helped out with various projects. Su G. is also looking.

<http://confedmo.org/cfm2/index.php/programs-and-activities/clc>

T. Other.

III. Calendar:

A. October – Energy Awareness Month/Energy Star.

B. Oct. 15 city newsletter articles due for December issue.

C. Sat., Nov. 9, 2013 - 17th America/Missouri/Chesterfield Recycles Day, Central Park/Parking. Lot Drive-Thru, 8-9 AM set-up; 9 AM – 1 PM.

D. *REMEMBER: Nov. and Dec. Meetings are on 3rd Thursdays due to Holidays.

IV. Next Meeting: October 24, 6:30 PM, City Hall – Room #101-2.