

MEETING MINUTES
Chesterfield Citizens Committee for the Environment
July 24, 2014, 6:30 p.m.
City Hall, Rooms #101/2

All Agenda Items were discussed; necessary outcomes/actions noted.

I. Call to Order/Agenda.

A. Attendance/Absences/Notices.

1. **Committee Attendees:** Darcy Capstick, Bob Ernst, Su Ghosh, Donna Pecherski, Polly Rutherford, Jeff Chapple, Ben Keathley, Ken Denson, Patty Wiggins, Jeanne Clauson
2. **Committee Absentees:** Jeanne Tevlin, Terry Grogan,
3. **Liaison Attendees:** James Mello, Elliot Grissom
4. **Liaison Absentees:** Libbey Tucker
5. **Guest Attendees:** Tony Lamantia, Stephen Herring

B. E-Reports: 6/26/14 Minutes, A/W Republic, Abi/Bow (6/14- 19.682 tons); NWF National Telecon of 6/10/14 minutes; Quarterly Newsletter articles for 9 10, & 11/14 incl. National Audubon Society's Bird Data.

C. Laptop viewing as necessary: Blue Skies handout coupons.

II. "Sustainability by Design" Projects.

A. Partner: Tony Lamantia, A/W Republic – hauling specs, future opportunities including 'Strive for 75,' etc. (10 minutes)-

Tony- After meeting with Parks Director, it was found that there are issues with park recycling containers. The recycling stream is being contaminated with non recyclables. We are looking at implementing new containers in order to improve our recycling and make sure recycling is done properly. The new container should help achieve. They come with lists of what is acceptable for recycling and what is not. We have had 12 delivered so far. The 12 will serve as test pilots. The plan is to eventually apply grant funds to supply the entire park system.

Unfortunately, the bags themselves are not recyclable. However the clear bags should be helpful. It will make people accountable for what they are putting into the bin. Though the bags are not recyclable we are hoping to empty and reuse them.

When the system gets contaminated, it shuts down the entire system.

Overflow shouldn't be a problem other than events.

The new signage will have pictures. A/W Republic would like the CCE's input on what to include in the signs.

Jeff- Might be good to paint a good color, Blue

Su- make sure to have waste baskets right next to the recyclables

Tony- The signs will also have replaceable sticker signs for easy changing.

Darcy- Republic Services will offer single stream at taste of STL through the promoter's arrangements. The container has clear plastic bags, metal frames, and the signage. We will also test the system at the amphitheater this weekend at concerts. We will see how easy it is to manage and if we like it, the city will partner with Republic Services to provide to parks. We will happily prepare a partnership letter if needed to help. CCE should vote to write a letter to accompany a grant application or a partnership letter if requested.

VOTE: Unanimous.

Tony- New collection carts will also be coming out, we are going with larger containers- in O'fallon, 65 gallons turned out to not be enough, we will go with 95 gallons. It's good for people having parties. O'Fallon does 600 tons, Chesterfield does 450 tons, we can get up to 600 tons when we go to automation in 6-8 months.

Bob- Is it possible to get an updated list of what can be recycled. They used to give out lists, and I still refer to it.

B. Binkie Blankets and Comfort Bears restocking – Donna, Su, Darcy, Libbey.

1. **Restocked St. Luke's Pediatrics 7/21 with 80. (580 made by one lady) – Donna, Darcy**
2. **"Cupboards Bare" & restocking.- Everyone is stocked up.**
3. **St. Louis Crisis Nursery needs – Su.- They don't seem to have a need now**

- C. **Grants** – Darcy, James.
1. **Resource Recycling**, “Close the Loop Fund,” 7/14, pp. 5 – 8 – James.
- D. **NWF** – Darcy.
1. **Next Quarterly National Telecon. Tues., 8/5, 3 PM.**- Anyone who wants to sit in can. Otherwise will do solo as usual.
 2. **Landscapers National Certification program. 4 CCE referrals:** Ozark Berry Farm, BiodiverseCitySL/MO Bot. Gdn., Greenscape Gardens, Missouri Wildflowers.
 3. **Smoke House, Delmar Gardens status for Certification – Libbey, Jeanne C. Others?**
 4. **Eberwein Park/Native Butterflies Garden** cleaned up by GSTroop #2534 and Lil Collins/Ozark Berry Farm, LLC.
 5. **“Grow Native” Demo. Garden/Faust Park** – Jeanne is not able to go, we need a date in the fall, CMTE decided a Saturday in October.
- E. **First Annual Family Native Gardening Grow-Off: 11 small, 2 large** – We have 13 gardens entered, so there should be a good selection process. We might try to advertise in the Chesterfield Quarterly.
- F. **24th Annual Chesterfield Earth Day Festival 2015 – Sat., April 25, 2015.**
1. Chesterfield Mall viability update – They are willing to rent the space, it will cost money, not sure of the price, but it won’t be undoable. Won’t have a cohesive area. Tables and vendors would likely be interspaced out. Collecting will be done in the parking lot. We don't want to have ED stretched-out too much as it's 'focus' might be lost.
 2. STEMR- we need to meet and confer with schools. What role should the winners play in Earth Day? We are trying to organize a meeting with Chesterfield Elementary either on August 8 or August 22.
- G. **BiodiverseCity St. Louis** – Bob, Darcy.
1. Educators Summit: 7/14-16; Chesterfield Elementary School presented as a “Case Study.”- Was presented to Shelia Voss who is the VP of outreach program at Botanical Garden. Had a three day summit, gave presentation on how involved the kids are. Pictures of all the improvement they have made. Lots of educators seemed enthused by the doability. It helps seeing teachers actually implement. There is a real site that others can visit and 'see.' Darcy- About 40 interested educators. They were excited about NWF wildlife certification programs. Many did not know about the National Wildlife Federation.
 2. Meetings report & next meeting – Bob.- Not sure when next meeting is. Surveys are going out to get info on existing environmental operations. This is the first outreach effort. People will fill out electronically and send right back.
- H. **18th America/Missouri/Chesterfield Recycles Event, Sat., Nov. 8, 9 AM – 1 PM: Celebrating the 5Rs & 4Ps!** – Darcy, James.- We will have an article in the Chesterfield Quarterly, Probably shouldn’t need to update any of the brochures. We will use the same familiar layouts. James- Trying to work out an issue with Cintas, but all other recyclers are already confirmed. The flyer will come out next month.
1. 5Rs – re/ecycle drive-thru in parking lot, Central Park Pool Area.
 2. **UPDATES:**
 - a. Chesterfield What and Where to Recycle – status – Donna, Jeanne T., Jeanne C.- Starting up in next month. Patty is joining to offer help.
 - b. Green Initiatives Brochure – James.- Not much has changed. Just deleted some pictures. Including that Chesterfield is the first and only city serviced by compressed natural gas trucks.
 3. 4Ps – handed out with milkweed seeds. Lil Collins and Chris Hartley providing free.
- I. **October is Energy Awareness Month**
1. Tabletop – Donna. Everything is set to go.
 2. Energy Partners/handouts – Bob.- So far we have gotten three positive responses for handouts. Three are still up in air. They want to provide handouts, so Bob will follow-up.

3. *Reusable/permanent/refreshable Tabletop Exhibit* – Bob, Donna, Darcy.-We need to look into a reusable permanent exhibit. Look in to a tripple paneled module. Should have our mission statement, list display, recurring events. We can make it a part of every table top. Bob- We can make it flexible. Maybe a magnetic surface so we can reposition stuff.

- J. **Rebuilding our “Tree Wall:” Millennium Green Partner Projects** – Donna, Bob, Darcy. Investigation performed in Chesterfield to find the oldest tree. Two trees were identified. A white oak in a private lot in River Bend Estates and a Northern Red Oak on common ground in the Claymont Woods subdivision, both of which were measured by a professional MO Dept of Conservation urban forester, Rob Emmett, and found to be in the 250-300 year range. The City also established a Millennium Green Heritage Grove at the Chesterfield Athletic Complex Park, and gave away 2000 native trees/woody shrubs at Earth Day.

K. **Other.**

- III. **Calendar: *8/5 NWF National Telephone Conference. *10/6 UP Tabletop for Oct. is Energy Awareness Month; DOWN 10/20. *18th America/MO/Chesterfield Recycles Event**
- IV. **Next Meeting: August 28, 2014, 6:30 P.M., City Hall – Rms. # 101/2. Mary Patterson, St. Louis County/Solid Waste Division & MORA Representative.**