

MEETING MINUTES
Chesterfield Citizens Committee for the Environment
June 25, 2015, 6:30 p.m.
City Hall, Rm. # 101-2

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

I. Call to Order at 6:30 PM/Agenda/Notices. Update current CCE Roster with current contact information. Sign-up Sheet for City Council 7/20 – Green Teaming.

A. Attendance/Absences.

1. Present: Jeanne Tevlin, Darcy Capstick, Bob Ernst, Paul Travers, Su Ghosh, Ken Denson, Jeanne Clauson, Terry Grogan, James Brown, Patty Wiggins
2. Absent: Ben Keithley, Donna Pechersky, Polly Rutherford, Jeff Chappel
3. City Liaison Present: James Mello, Libbey Tucker
4. Absent: City Councilman Bruce DeGroot
5. Others Present: Stephen Herring, Laura Houck, Elaine Collins.

B. E-Reports: 5/28/15 minutes, Republic, Royal Oak Recycling (5/15- 67.74 tons for May), NWF National Telecon. Notes.

C. Handouts Available: *Putting the Cart Before the Bin, R.R.*, p. 14+, 6/15; *Attract More Hummingbirds, Garden Gate*, p. 28+, 4/15; *The Colonial Dooryard Garden, Herb Quarterly*, p. 43+, Spring '15; Updated Republic *All in One* Flyers; 'Bee Seeds'; MORA 2015 *Recycling Guide*; EPA's *Backyard Composting Flyer*.

II. "Sustainability by Design" Projects; laptop as necessary.

A. Presenter: Stephen Herring, Republic Services

1. Republic Services is a nationwide company; Chesterfield is their largest municipal client in MO. Trash from St. Louis area is taken to Roxanna, IL. Uses Compressed Natural Gas collection trucks in Chesterfield. MRC is used for appliance recycling. It is not necessary to clean out food containers like yoghurt or peanut butter containers. Leave lids on containers. Do not crush cans if possible. Materials Recovery Facility in Hazelwood recycles 300 tons daily. Chesterfield's recycling ratio to solid waste is 47 percent. Herring discussed recycling program after curbside collection and presented a video clip detailing various processes.
2. Challenge: Focus on educating individuals on recycling efforts. The Challenge would be to increase recycling by one pound per household. Try to get more participation via several different venues, i.e. Chesterfield's newsletter and Republic's quarterly customer billing. We need to show customers exactly what should be recycled and not just newspapers. Start program in November 1, 2015; Kick-Off will be at the 19th Chesterfield/MO/America Recycles Event running for one year; and prepare flyer to be ready on or about July 3, 2015.

B. Traveling Education Tabletop Updates – Jeanne C. reported that the interest at Sachs was only moderate.

1. Sachs Branch Library Report (removed June 25).

2. Discussion of future topics and locations (recycling info was better received at Sachs). Not sure that the YMCA is the best location.
- C. **Annual Family Native Garden Grow-Off update** – Darcy.
1. Status of 2014/15 Competition – Darcy/James/Libbey: Mindy will judge the contestants in July.
 - a. Honor Awardees at October Council meeting.
 2. Preparations for 2nd Bi-Annual competition (2015/16); do not want to alter nature of contest in terms of family event. Should try to attract more interest by offering special sales or discounts of native plants/wildflowers to participants at Earth Day. DJM Ecological Services, St. François’s Natives, and Ozark Berry Farm, LLC., all most hopefully will participate. Bob will update flyer for 2015 contest.
- D. **National Wildlife Federation Updates** – Darcy.
1. National teleconference Update: 140 certificated and soon to be certified communities on that call, focusing on *Lepidoptera* and Million Pollinator Gardens by end of 2016+. Next update National teleconference will be on 8/11/15.
- E. **Report on meeting of St. Louis Dept. of Health/Solid Waste Mgmt District Meeting of 6/2** – Patty, Libbey, James, Darcy. Patty reported on meeting that 85% of textiles we use get thrown in trash and only 15% gets recycled. Might consider sponsoring a new Chesterfield program to recycle textiles. Many schools have bins for clothing recycling. Patty will check to see if she can get a list of USAgain sites in Chesterfield. Darcy will see about battling from Remains.
- F. **Report on Green Homes Festival of June 20 and handouts** – Darcy reported on festival in Faust Park and distributed Chesterfield metrics to other attendees from adjacent cities. Creve Coeur appreciated the road maps: “CCE Brochure,” “2014 Metrics”, and “Green Initiatives”.
- G. **Report: Parks & Recreation Citizens Advisory Committee meeting of 6/13** – Darcy reported that Mindy will be writing a grant proposal for the municipal parks grant for Veterans Park; she received the Master Naturalist grant for the bioswale in Eberwein Park; Arts group has hired Sue Kanjamani.
- H. **Plans for 19th Chesterfield/MO/America Recycles Day Event on Nov. 7**
1. Potential Elementary School Participation – Discussed whether milkweed seeds should be purchased by CCE and given out by school children from Green Trails Elementary School and Chesterfield Elementary School. Both schools had committed but we need to confirm school participation details. The consensus was that no one would get out of their cars to go the pavilion to get seeds at that event. Other ways to distribute seeds were discussed, including tabletop at Sachs Library, a suggestion everyone liked. We need to have an attractive and informative tabletop for milkweed seeds as well as a recycle tabletop. Costs are \$17.75 an ounce for Incarnata milkweed seeds. We should order a couple ounces first to see how that works out.
 2. St. Louis HELP added as a vendor for used medical equipment.

3. Potential Handouts at event: UPDATED Republic Services flyer, Buying Recycled, Chesterfield What and Where, our Kick-Off flyer, maybe ask Remains and USAgain for flyer or visual for textile recycling; Donna, Jeanne T. and Jeanne C. will coordinate handouts.

I. #59 Green Team Member Recognition (Long Family) - Darcy.

1. City Council, July 20, 2015 – program starts at 7:00 PM; be there at 6:30 PM to meet/greet/seat. CCE members should sign sheet if they can attend.

J. Comfort Bears/Blankets update – Libbey, Paul, Polly, Jeanne C., Darcy.

1. 1279 Bears/79 Blankets have been delivered; no inventory remaining.
2. Friendship Village update – Paul T. reported that the Village has a new Arts and Crafts staff member who has enrolled volunteers to make comfort bears.

K. 24th Annual Chesterfield Earth Day Critique; 25th/April 30, 2016 – Libbey, James, Jim B., Darcy.

1. Review of Recycling Volumes & Proceeds Expected - James provided metrics for 2014 and 2015. Libby reported we now have \$1,400 on hand.
2. **Centennial Trees** update; Ad Hoc Chair Jim Brown + Ken D. Has accurate contact info from most participants. Deadline for info submittal is no later than Dec. 15, 2015, for the newsletter article.
3. Millennium Green Heritage Grove at CVAC -- Darcy: Need to have new sustainably-made markers/plaques. Su will research size, costs, materials, how made, etc.
4. Plan for youth STEM exhibits; will be with us in main exhibit area next year.

J. BiodiverseCity St. Louis update – Bob reported that no meetings have been held.

L. Other.

III. Calendar:

A. City Newsletter articles for Fall newsletter Due 7/3/15

B. July 20, 7:00 p.m. City Council meeting: #59 Green Teaming, 19th Chesterfield/MO/America Recycles Event 11/7/15 Central Park/Pavilion Drive-Thru, Recycling Challenge, St. Louis Help, Centennial Trees Submission request.

C. Next Meeting: July 23, 2015, 6:30 P.M., City Hall – Rms. # 101/2. Ameren Presenters.

D. Meeting Adjourned 8:23 PM.