

## CEC Meeting Minutes – May 6, 2021

### Attendees:

Dan Clohossey                Chris Files  
Anna Wolf                    Katrina Anthony  
Thornton Matheson    Joy White

### Minutes from meeting 5.6.21

- **Minutes approved from previous mtg.**
- **3R's+C** – Lydia couldn't make the meeting but Chris suggested we do a Compost push to encourage more people to use the Compost Crew or do home composting – she will prepare a Monthly Tip for the July Forecast
- **Lee Dennison Garden** – Sally and Thornton met to review plants to help create plant signs for LDG; they found some mismatches between plants on the LDG plan vs. what was planted and some other plant questions; budget was approved to do a consult with Edamarie Mattei of Backyard Bounty to answer questions and be able to continue prep work for plant signs; Chris said she heard about a \$750,000 budget item related either to the garden or the Park – she will try to get clarification what that was
- **Trash & Treasures** – Bulk pickup event took place on April 19; regular T&T is slated to restart in the Fall and a request has been made to have the Town establish a schedule (aligned with T&T or not) for hazardous pickup
- **Healthy Lawns** – Stuart is working to complete a memo to share with his working group and then with Town Council in time for the June Council meeting. The proposed ordinance change would then be introduced at the July Council meeting, public hearing/vote at August Council meeting and effectivity is September. The Land Use Committee was tasked (separately) with reviewing all extant County ordinances that the Town could opt into and the Pesticide (Healthy Lawns) ordinance could be a good test case. There is a standard process for the Town to opt into such ordinances so the Town mirrors exactly the County ordinance without Town-specific adjustments (Section 1.7 of Town ordinances).
- **Quiet Landscaping**
  - Working on signs for Town to be posted in public spaces & possibly at residences to highlight blower changes and subsidy program
  - Questions have arisen about extending gas-powered ban to mowers (eventually) and how to address the mis-match in hours between mowers (eg 8am) and blowers (10am).
  - Further communication efforts will be undertaken including a Fall event with blower manufacturers are in the works.
- **Canopy Tree**
  - Working Group had a work session with Town Council on April 14 and had most recommendations approved. The main recommendation outstanding is how to modify the Urban Forest ordinance. The Working Group will be holding a 2nd work session with Town Council prior to the June 9 TC meeting, to go into more detail about the changes to the ordinance's "canopy tree" list the work group is recommending.
  - The recommendations already approved were:

- Private Planting Program – expand list of trees in the program from 6 to 36 and increase the budget from \$10,000 a year to \$20,000 a year.
  - Public Planting Program – focus public tree plantings on native trees and expand list of trees that can be planted
  - Rejoin Arbor Day Foundation Tree City Program (done); signage to come
  - Approve additional research to make a plan for a Town Tree Census process (need Town volunteer to lead or recommendation that Town hire a consultant to lead)
- **Green Fair/Website** – Anna Wolf and Katrina have given website updates to Emily, who will implement; Katrina working on Zoom webinar instruction manual
  - **Forecast Newsletter Schedule** – Dan will do Home Energy Saving tip for June and Chris will work on one for Composting for July. Dan reviewed the updated 4 step process that each monthly owner will follow to publish the Tips in multiple locations. See new streamlined process in the team working document but the basic thing is each Forecast Tip owner sends the monthly tip to [emily@townofchevy Chase.org](mailto:emily@townofchevy Chase.org) , Emily gets it into the Forecast and as a Town Crier and into Town Facebook and Twitter and then Town Neighbors picks it up from the Town Crier. So the owner sends it in and it gets published in 5 places more or less automatically.
  - **Events Schedule** – 2 events completed last weekend: May Day/Arbor Day Celebration of Oaks and Clean Drinking Spring Walking Tour. No events currently scheduled but next up is hopefully a stream monitoring event.

**Please look at our team document from time to time, especially to review Forecast & Event schedule. Dan updates as things come in, but feel free to edit judiciously, or let Dan know about suggested edits.**