



**Regular Monthly Meeting
Minutes
May 5, 2010**

I. Call to Order / YVSC Mission

The mission of YVSC is to provide leadership to advance environmental, economic, and social sustainability for current and future generations through education, programs and collaboration among individuals, organizations, businesses and government.

YVSC's goals:

1. **Raise awareness** of sustainability issues in the Yampa Valley.
2. Support and/or **develop projects** and tools that enhance sustainability in our community.
3. Encourage **collaboration** among other entities of like purpose, ensuring that everyone is moving in the same general direction and maximizing efficiency of resources.

II. Introductions

Present: Angela Ashby, Erica Olson, Mike Zopf, Diane Mitsch Bush, Paul Potyen, Chris Osborne, Sarah Fox, Laura Frolich, Craig Schifter, Winn Cowman, Kyleigh DeMicco, Josh Nass, Jeremy Behling, Kate Nowak, Sonja Macys, Meg Bentley, Brent Fjeldheim, Steve Hoots, Susan Holland, Marsha Dagenbaugh, Dave Epstein, Candace Noriega and Anne Mudgett

III. Approval of Minutes from April 7, 2010 Monthly Meeting.

Kyleigh DeMicco made a motion to approve the minutes from April 7, 2010. Jeremy Behling seconded. Approved unanimously.

IV. Open Forum

ReCharge Colorado

- ReCharge Colorado website (www.rechargecolorado.com) offers energy saving tips, list of contractors and rebates.
- Rebates for some appliances are still available!

Migratory Bird Day

- May 22 is International Migratory Bird Day.
- Yampatika is hosting a series of bird-related activities from 7:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Location TBA.

Upcoming Potential Legislation

- Diane Mitsch Bush also called our attention to the Kerry-Lieberman-Graham bill, which would tie the EPA's hands re: GHG and take away money from transportation.
- The Cantwell-Collins bill, also in discussion, would not take away money from transportation and would not tie the hands of the EPA.

Liquid Assets

- The Liquid Assets movie showing at the library went well with 40 people in attendance.
- Laura Frolich mentioned that the City might show the movie again, perhaps this summer.

Chamber Update

- The Garden expo is Saturday, 5/8/10 at the Steamboat Grand.
- Kyleigh DeMicco offered info about Chamber's Sustainable Business Program for anyone interested in learning more about this program.

In Transition

In Transition (the movie)

Thursday, May 20, 2010

6:30 p.m.

Library Hall

Q & A to follow with Michael Brownlee, head of head of Colorado In Transition

- Friday, May 21, noon event at Smokehouse with Michael Brownlee.
- Noon event at Library on June 1 with a PowerPoint presentation by Paul Potyen.
- For updates, go to <http://transitionsteamboat.ning.com>.
- Paul is looking for help to hang posters and to send invitations to movie, lists to send email info, help the night of movie, and attendance at movie. He can email digital files of marketing materials.
- Epilogue is selling Transition handbooks, and they are also available at the library.
- For more information email Paul Potyen at transition@paulpotyen.com or call 970.819.2769.

Routt County Clean Up Day

May 22, 2010

8:30 a.m. (participants can show up any time between 8:00 – 9:00 a.m.)

Meet on Historic Courthouse Lawn

- Need volunteers to pre-register.
- Kicks off with coffee and breakfast pastries at 8-9 a.m. at Historic Courthouse
- Free BBQ and prizes to follow clean up at 11:30 a.m. at the Howelsen Beach
- Bring sunblock, backpack, water and gloves.
- Groups can do clean up on another day. Call Routt County Environmental Health, so that you can get bags and they know where you're cleaning because CDOT will pick up the full bags on along state highways.

Colorado Association for Recycling Summit

June 6-8, 2010

Steamboat Sheraton Resort

- Jim Evanoff, of Yellowstone Park, is speaking at Monday luncheon.
- Liz Wahl receiving Recycler of the Year Award at Tuesday luncheon.
- Email info@yvsc.org to volunteer or go to www.cafr.org to find out more about the conference.

ReTree Colorado

June 26, 2010

Sites throughout Routt County

- They are recruiting committed volunteers for committees. Contact Tristan Frolich at tfrolich@evergreenbuilding.net if you (or your group) is interested.
- Planting trees at Steamboat Lake, Hinman and Seedhouse campgrounds, Thunderhead vicinity at Ski area and Spring Creek.
- Organizers have ordered 14,000 trees and are hoping to average at least 10 trees/volunteer.
- Several community groups and businesses have already committed to the event including Rocky Mountain Youth Corp and Rotary. Organizers will be targeting 4-H, Lowell Whiteman, Yampatika, 8th grade at middle school, National Honors Society, master gardeners, High School sports teams, TIC, Alpine Bank, SmartWool, BAP and Moots.
- They are looking for music for the after-party at the Meadows parking lot.
- Also seeking transportation from the City using two Hybrid buses and using Ski corp shuttles.
- Would like to have food vendors for after-party and feature beetle kill artisans.

V. Old Business

A. YVSC Sub-Committee Reports

1. Zero Waste

- YVSC has applied for a grant to support this program.
- YVSC is trying to streamline the process for event organizers, but it's still important that YVSC has plenty of lead time to help handle logistics.
- A Zero Waste Events how-to guide brochure is in the works.
- Craig Schifter offered that YVR has 50-gallon wheeled recycling containers that event organizers can use.

2. Talking Green

- Next Talking Green event is May 25 at Harwigs, 5:30-6:30 p.m., focusing on ReTree Colorado. Participants will learn about the beetle kill epidemic and how to plant a tree.
- The June 22 event is about CSAs (what is a CSA?, how do I sign up?, etc.) also at Harwigs, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

3. Youth Education

- YVSC's Youth Education effort is going well. Kyleigh DeMicco is working with the High School Eco-Club and averaging 15-25 students at every meeting.
- Meeting topics have included (and will include) Grant Family Farms, ReTree and Yampatika presenting about composting.
- Yampatika also offers summer camps for kids ages 5-14. Themes are sustainability oriented: solar, pollinators, Earth cycles, etc. Yampatika is working in Craig this week doing "bioregion in your backyard" activities.

4. Green Building/Green Tours

- YVSC had a committee meeting for the Green Building group in March and will be meeting again in May.

- The committee is hoping to do a Green Building tour in June and another in the fall in conjunction with ASES Solar Tour in October.
5. **Eco-Guide**
 - The online guide was launched on Earth Day.
 - This partnership between YVSC and the Chamber features environmentally-oriented resources and links to the YVSC calendar at www.steamboatchamber.com/ecoguide.
 - The Chamber is also creating a rack card based on the online guide to distribute to visitors.
 - The Chamber would like to add photos to the online guide. Please email photos of sustainability-related events, activities and businesses to meagan@steamboatchamber.com.
 6. **UC Denver Study/Workshops/Action Plan**
 - Tim Winter is the lead for this and is working with the UC Denver group to devise an action plan for reduction of greenhouse gases, once the data is analyzed for our county. There will probably be a June workshop to include stakeholders and get direction for the action/sustainability plan.
 7. **Fall Fundraiser**
 - YVSC would like to hold a fundraiser in early September.
 - Open to ideas about dates and collaboration. Would like to do something different than the norm but would include a silent auction to boost revenue.
 - Sonja Macys mentioned that Legacy Ranch is available and that Yampatika is considering a Halloween event.
 8. **EcoFest 2011**
 - YVSC will try to have the first meeting in May to start planning for the event at the end of August 2011.

VI. New Business

A. 2010 Program/Events/Partnerships

1. **ReCharge Colorado** – www.rechargecolorado.com
2. **Bike Fest** - May 7-8, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. - www.routtcountyriders.org – movie Friday at Community Center. Saturday all kinds of booths and lots of kids activities, such as the Safe Routes to School group.
3. **Energy Summit** –5/13-14 in Craig - www.yampavalleypartners.com or email kate@yampavalleypartners.com
4. **Economic Summit** - May 19-20 at the Steamboat Grand – for more info www.steamboatchamber.com
5. **Movie “In Transition”** - May 20, 6:30 p.m. at Library Hall
6. **Routt County Clean Up Day** - May 22 - 8:30-11:30 a.m. - for more info contact hsavalox@co.routt.co.us
7. **Community Garden Grand Opening** – May 22, 9:00 a.m., 7th and Oak
8. **CAFR Summit** – June 6-8 at Steamboat Sheraton
9. **Bike To Work Day Breakfast** - June 23 on Historic Courthouse Lawn
10. **ReTree Colorado** - June 26, 9:00 a.m. - www.retreecolorado.com

B. Other

1. **Every Day is Earth Day: Steamboat Celebrates the Planet**
 - YVSC going to package all the various environmental activities going on from May 20-23 as Steamboat's belated Earth Day celebration.
 - So far, schedule includes In Transition, Routt County Clean Up Day, Migratory Bird Day, Community Garden Opening, Yard Waste Drop-Off and Give Your Away Stuff Day.
2. **Clean up Green up** - June 5 - Clean up projects around town.
3. **Bike Town USA**
 - Group formed in December and includes County, City, US Forest Service, DOW, BLM, Ski Corp, Chamber, Steamboat EDC and Mainstreet.
 - Looking at cycling as economic development opportunity.
 - Also looking into trade marking Bike Town USA.
 - A different group through the Chamber is working on expanding bike paths around Steamboat.
 - County has a multimodal advisory board, which meets with stakeholders to discuss safety issues on roads.
4. **National Compost Awareness Week** - May 2-8
 - The purpose of the event is to raise awareness of composting and encourage the public to thank and support your local composter.

Meeting adjourned 1:00 p.m.

Next meeting June 2, 2010 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Centennial Hall Rms 113-114