



**Regular Monthly Meeting
Minutes
August 4, 2010
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

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: Erica Olson, Andy Kennedy, Angela Ashby, Kyleigh DeMicco, Diane Mitsch Bush, Catherine Carson, Liz Wahl, Sasha Nelson, Nikki Swaim, Jeff Graber, Nancy Kramer, Josh Nass, George Danellis, Meg Bentley, Candace Noriega, Jeffery Campbell, Audrey Williams and Anne Mudgett.

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

Kyleigh DeMicco made a motion to approve the minutes from July 7, 2010. Catherine Carson seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.

IV. Open Forum

Routt County Update

Diane Mitsch Bush

• **South Routt van pool**

They are still looking for riders for the South Routt van pool project. If we get Stagecoach riders we can add that van (only have 3-4 people right now, can do a van with as few as 6). If we get more Oak Creek riders, we can get a larger van. Only have 6 so far. Email Diane (dmitschbush@co.routt.co.us) if interested. Cost is \$6 RT/day. Riders pre-buy rides and commit to a certain number of days. The van will pick up at or near your home and will drop you off at your workplace.

• **Bike Town USA**

The Bike Town USA group has been meeting since November. They are working to make Steamboat the ultimate biking destination. The group went before City Council on August 3 to ask for funds. City gave \$10,000 and offered that if they raise \$4,000 more, the City would match that, too.

• **Gravel Pit on 131**

The reason Diane voted for this project is that she was able to ensure 3rd party monitoring of that land use. Air quality, water quality, noise, etc. will be monitored monthly. Also was able to include additional turn lanes in permit. In total, 46 conditions will be imposed on developers.

• **Transfer of Development Rights**

Meeting is Sept. 23 at 6:00 pm in the Commissioners Meeting Room.

CEC Update

Sasha Nelson

- **GEO/Alliance for Sustainable Colorado Roundtable discussion**
Energy Efficiency and Job creation were priorities from last year's roundtable.
- **Land Management**
The EPA held hearings in Denver August 3 about the air quality issues associated with oil and gas development. This was a great opportunity for CEC to reconnect with the EPA. Battlement Mesa is facing oil and gas drilling in their retirement communities. They have organized a "bucket brigade" to measure air quality (using buckets, chain of command, etc. to gather samples, data for community based monitoring).
- **Vermillion**
The entire Littlesnake field office has undergone land use management plan. There will be big news announced soon regarding the EIS of the management plan.
- **Movies**
CEC buys community performance rights. Sasha has DVDs of documentaries available for loan.

In Transition Update

Andy Kennedy

- Potluck August 7 at 6:00 p.m. at Russ & Denise Fasolino's house
- Will be showing *One Man One Cow* movie on October 26 at Library
- Will also be showing *Deep Down* movie on November 17 at Library

Deep Roots Update

Erica Olson

- Deep Roots is working on a series of events, such as a composting workshop with Yampatika and using specific type of mushroom for water purification.

Habitat for Humanity Update

Jody Patten via email

- On October 4 and the four days preceding Habitat for Humanity will be doing simple home repair projects for low-income homeowners. Volunteers are needed to help sustain existing affordable housing.

GEO Update

Kate Nowak via email

- There are plenty of rebates still available, especially for home energy audits, and we have 2 certified contractors in the area. There are also plenty of insulation and air sealing rebates. GEO has a limited time offer for new reservations made until midnight Sept 30, 2010, rebate calculation: Rebate is 40% of job cost up to \$600 (state maximum). If 40% of the job cost is greater than \$600, the rebate will be \$600. Duct Sealing – new customers rebate is calculated at 40% of the job cost up to \$150 for a limited time. (9/30/10 deadline). Energy Monitors for new customers is calculated at 40% of the cost up to \$100. See www.RechargeColorado.com for specifics.
- Northwest Colorado Energy Steering committee is looking for a nonprofit representative from YVSC to attend meetings in Craig once a month for two hours. Meetings are generally the 2nd Thursday of the month in the morning from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. at the Center of Craig building. Representatives attend from Routt, Moffat and Rio Blanco counties and represent, business, government, workforce, economic

development, utilities and non-profits. The main purpose of this committee is to develop a regional energy efficiency plan that will get adopted by cities, towns and counties. Our 4th meeting will take place August 12, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. at the Center of Craig building. Please contact Kate Nowak if interested and she will send you the past meeting minutes, mission and vision.

- High performance building seminar was well attended last week – special program for public buildings with free technical advice.
- GEO and the DOE have launched a new challenge program for industrial companies. Kate forwarded information on to Ski Corp – this is for organizations that spend \$200K in annual energy costs.

Greenhouse Gas Inventory Update

Angela Ashby

- Report on the recently completed inventory is posted on YVSC's website at www.yvsc.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/08/RCGHGInventoryActionsReport_UCDFinalDraft.pdf and will also be posted to the City's and the County's websites.

City Community Support Funding Update

Nancy Kramer

- Anne Mudgett will take the lead on the Environmental Coalition this year, taking over for Mark Andersen. Mark will step into the lead role for the Steering Committee.

10th Mtn. Division

Nancy Kramer

- Steamboat will be hosting a couple of days with vets and their descendents Aug. 20-22. BBQ Saturday. Public is invited.

Yampa Valley Recycles Update

Catherine Carson

- Recycling is the low-hanging fruit at non-ZW events. YVR is facilitating recycling at the County Fair this year and is encouraging many other events to offer recycling bins next to each trash bin. YVR also has recycling bins that can be used by events for free. Contact Emilie Rogers to borrow these bins yamparecycle@hotmail.com.
- The Mainstreet board agreed that providing recycling containers downtown is a good idea, so YVR is helping to get two containers on each side of the street between 6-9th streets. 12 recycling containers were donated by Ski Corp and will be resurfaced for this purpose. The City is working out logistics of pick-up.

HomeLink Magazine Update

Josh Nass

- Josh is collecting ideas for the Dec. issue. No theme, so any ideas are welcome. Deadline: Mid-Sept. needs drafts.
- Next June's issue is a Backyard theme, needs to take photos now. Please send Josh any suggestions of gardens, etc.

V. Old Business

A. YVSC Sub-Committee Reports

1. Zero Waste

a. Volunteers

- As the program expands, we need site coordinators to recruit and organize volunteers and deal with logistics. Nikki Swaim and Jeff Graber have been hired to help with Zero Waste events, and YVSC is looking for more site coordinators to help, especially when we have more than one event per day. This job creation will help us grow the program.
 - To prevent burnout and facilitate volunteering there will be two volunteer shifts per event. Drink and food certificate for each volunteer shift worked are provided by Concert Series.
 - Any nonprofit that can provide 8-10 volunteers for an event will receive training about Zero Waste and a \$100 donation to the organization.
 - Thanks to our volunteers and sponsors, there was only one bag of trash left at end of last concert. The only trash has been what people have brought into venue.
- b. Community Events calendar
- Two events were recently added to the calendar: Casting for a Cure and Mt. Werner Classic Trail Run.
- c. Signage
- Audrey and Liz are working on consistent signage for the resort and the Zero Waste Initiative. The consistency of the color scheme (Green-composting, Blue-recycling, Black-waste) and artwork will help ensure proper sorting of recyclables, compostables and trash. They have permission from the resort to use graphics anywhere we need to. The NSAA, Copper, Winter Park, Arapahoe, MVP, City, County and Sheraton are also being encouraged to adopt the signage. Existing bins will be rewrapped and resurfaced to save resources.
- d. Vendors
- Working out logistics with refillable beer cups. There is still lots to be done to improve the program. The committee would like to do signs for all vendors to raise awareness of the Zero Waste aspect and help with sorting of compostables and recyclables.

2. Talking Green

a. Next event

- Rainwater Harvesting
Tuesday, August 24th
5:00 - 7:00 PM
La Montaña
Happy hour and networking at 5:00 p.m.
Presentation starts at 6:00 p.m.

Join Talking Green for a discussion on rainwater harvesting and the water rights and laws surrounding it. Presentation by Kevin Rein, Colorado Division of Water Resources.

b. Sponsorship

- Still seeking sponsors for monthly events. Contact Anne Mudgett at anne@yvsc.org if your business is interested.

3. Green Building/Tours ASES Solar Home Tour-Oct 2, 2010

- a. The Green Building Committee is working with the ASES on this self guided tour of 8-15 homes featuring a variety of sustainable building practices.
- b. **ENERGY STAR for New Homes**
Field Training: Blower Door Test, Insulation Grading, Infrared

Wednesday, August 18
12:00-1:30 pm
818 Pine Street, Steamboat Springs
FREE event and lunch!

Come see first-hand what goes into making an ENERGY STAR certified new home and have all your questions answered: What is a blower door test? What does a “tight” home really mean? How can an infrared camera help with energy savings? How does the new LED lighting work?

Builders, HVAC, electricians, plumbers, insulation contractors, realtors, appraisers, architects and the general public are encouraged to attend.

For more information or to RSVP contact Bob Keenan at 970.871.8260
bkeenan@steamboatsprings.net.

4. Fall Fundraiser-October 1, 2010

- Event title: Taste of Sustainability
- Guest speaker is Chris Holstrom of Telluride.
- Have decided not to do the collaborative/nonprofit networking meeting prior.
- Sustainability awards for businesses, volunteers, etc.
- Silent auction (sustainability-related). Send ideas for auction to Anne Mudgett anne@yvsc.org
- Heavy apps & drinks. Foods from various vendors, featuring local, sustainable products.
- The event will also focus on educating attendees about YVSC and our programs.

5. Youth Education

- a. Eco-Club meeting is next Tuesday 4-6 p.m. at Café Sweet Pea. Community members are welcome to attend or pass on ideas to Kyleigh DeMicco kyleigh@steamboatchamber.com
- b. The Eco-Club will be working with RMYC to reach out for science school in September.

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