



Regular Monthly Meeting
Minutes
September 1, 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: Angela Ashby, Anne Mudgett, Sarah Jones, Kenny Reisman, Andy Kennedy, Jessica Maynard, Jeremy Behling, Josh Nass, Erica Olson, Liz Wahl, Kyleigh DeMicco, Jody Patten, Meg Bentley, Sarah Fox, Steve Hoots, Candace Noriega, Diane Mitsch Bush, Michael Zopf, Catherine Carson, Laura Frolich, Sasha Nelson and George Danellis.

III. Approval of Minutes from August 4, 2010 Monthly Meeting.

Motion made by Erica Olson to approve the minutes from August 4. Seconded by Kyleigh DeMicco. Approved unanimously.

IV. Open Forum

CEC, Sasha Nelson

Little Snake Field Office released final management plan and EIS. Sets up the next 20-30 years of how public lands will be managed, includes Emerald Mtn. CEC analyzing document and determining whether there is cause for protest. In next 2-3 weeks CEC will be sending out call for public comment. 77,000 acres of Vermilion was withdrawn from mineral leasing in this plan. Even without that chunk ¾ of acreage is available for leasing. If you're interested in how Emerald Mtn. land will be used, you should review document. Sasha can get you a copy.

CEC would appreciate support in saying NO Amendments 60, 61, 101. Sasha passed out fact sheets.

Routt County, Diane Mitsch Bush

Many regional and state organizations are coming out against Amendments 60, 61, 101. Will have significant effect on county and state budgets.

Safe Routes to School program/grant did 3 bike rallies at Strawberry Park Elementary, Soda Creek and Strawberry Park Middle School.

Biketown USA is having a bike summit on Oct.22

Deep Roots, Erica Olson

Share the Harvest potluck on September 10
Library
6:30

Habitat for Humanity, Jody Patten

World Habitat Day
5 days rehab, 5 houses
Oct. 1-5
Sign up at www.routtcountyhabitat.org
Volunteers of all ages and skill sets needed

Habitat has been donated a cabin and they are raising the money to move it. Looking for small piece of property in town. Will be sold to low income family. Also been donated a trailer.

Twin Enviro

Compost handout was circulated.

Transition, Andy Kennedy

Composting 101 workshop on Oct. 9

One man one cow movie on Oct. 26

Check the website for all upcoming event info: transitionsteamboat.ning.com

Bark Beetle Info Task Force, Laura Frolich

Educating people about aftermath of mountain pine beetle epidemic.

Goals:

Economic development - Want to start discussion about biomass project. Would like to get together a roundtable.

Sustainability – Looking for YVSC representative to be on task force.

Reforestation – Would like YVSC to take on ReTree as a project.

YVR, Catherine Carson

Battery recycling at City Market is bringing in a big volume each week.

Looking at getting a booth at wedding fair.

Thanks to Ski Corp have downtown recycling bins. Donated bins and signage. Doing measurement every week for contamination. Hot beverage cups are causing confusion and contamination.

Met with City Parks and Rec. Goal for next year working to have recycling bins at every park.

New green bags have been ordered. 5000 more to sell.

GEO, Kate Nowak via email

ReCharge Colorado Rebates-September 30, 2010 deadline

There are plenty of rebates still available especially 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 RechargeColorado.com for specifics.

Free Geothermal Workshop will be held from 2:45 to 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 8, at the Glenwood Springs Community Center

Yampatika, Sonja Macys via email

Watershed Walk-September 2, 2010, call 871-9151 to register

Kent Vertrees, Friends of the Yampa River, will discuss the recreational features in the Yampa River and learn more about the Yampa River structures master plan.

V. Old Business

A. YVSC Sub-Committee Reports

1. Zero Waste

- a. Committee had debrief from summer events and talked about vision for next year. Many new partners for next year. Growing pool of site coordinators. Goal is to never turn events down.
- b. Liz got to go behind the scenes at Yellowstone on a recent business trip. Retail (recycling) more advanced than we are. Also, they go through all discards, might need to start doing that, too, to troubleshoot contamination.
- c. Also want to start intern program.
- d. Meeting with concert series committee to talk about next year.
- e. For Oktober West, the Eco-Club will provide the volunteers for Zero Waste. The ZWI is also getting involved with Chamber mixers. The Steamboat Stage Race BBQ and Safe Routes to school Bike Rallies were all Zero Waste events, too.
- f. YVSC is talking about creating a position to coordinate Zero Waste events and possibly charging a fee for service.
- g. Zero Waste Event flyer will go into wedding expo bags.

2. Talking Green

- a. Next event-September 28, 2010, Green Building Mow residence. First home to go through City/County green building program. Andy Johnson, architect, will be peaking about the energy efficiency features of the home.

3. Youth Education

- a. Did fundraiser selling recycled school supplies and baked goods.
- b. Lisa Powell is going to help with Elementary schools
- c. Middle school going to work with Americorps volunteers
- d. First High School Eco-Club meeting in 2 weeks
- e. Also want to have big pizza party kick-off meeting.
- f. Kyleigh been asked to co-teach sustainable resort management class at CMC

4. Fall Fun-raiser-October 1, 2010

- a. Volunteers needs. Sign-up sheet was circulated.
- b. Action solicitation is going well. YVSC has secured some great items: local lodging, activities, products.

5. Green Building/Tours

- a. Green Building/ASES Solar Home Tour-Oct 2, 2010
- a. 12-5 pm self-guided tour, 8 buildings, starting at Community Center
- b. Bike and walk-friendly
- c. Reception at Smokehouse 5-6:30 pm

B. Other

1. YVSC will be creating a 2011 corporate sponsorship packet in October for overall support/sponsorship of the organization. Interested businesses should contact anne@yvsc.org.