



Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes  
January 5, 2011  
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 and top priorities:**

All those present introduced themselves and named their top environmental priority for 2011 and number one challenge. Liz Wahl and Tom Fitzgerald will be compiling these priorities and challenges to share with the group.

Present: Liz Wahl, Drew Williams, Fred Robinson, Sasha Nelson, Laura Frolich, Kate Nowak, Kristen Rockford, Andy Kennedy, Irene Nelson, Sigi Malinowski, Sarah Jones, Max Graham, Kyleigh DeMicco, Sarah Fox, Marsha Daughenbaugh, Lane Malone, Craig Schifter, Susan Holland, George Danellis, Vincenz Malinowski, Ivars Mikelsons, Tom Fitzgerald, Erica Olson, Meg Bentley, Diane Mitsch Bush, Anne Mudgett, Mike Zopf, Nancy Kramer, Ted Allen, Candace Noriega and Catherine Carson.

**III. Approval of Minutes from December 1, 2010 Monthly Meeting.**

George Danellis motioned to approve the minutes. Andy Kennedy seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.

**IV. Partner Updates**

**A. Yampa Valley Partners/GEO – Kate Nowak**

Year-end report for YVP and Presentation of Northwest Colorado Energy Steering Committee's Regional Energy Strategic Plan

- YVP is looking to do renewable energy summit in Routt County in 2011.
- 2010 accomplishments:
  1. 5:05 Drinks program
  2. CNG workshop
  3. YVSC school involvement, CPC, biomass, etc.
  4. Northwest Colorado Energy Steering Committee

**Northwest Colorado Energy Steering Committee's Regional Energy Strategic Plan:**

- Involvement by all cities in tri-county area, as well as nonprofits
- 5 goals
- Issues to be considered
  1. Promote multimodal transportation systems and alternative fuels
  2. Reduce building energy use
  3. Increase water conservation
  4. Minimize waste by composting, recycling, reusing and reducing
  5. Promote alternative energy sources

**B. Routt County and NW Region Multimodal Update – Diane Mitsch Bush**

Good news:

- A number of different groups working on collaboration to promote bike use.
- Working on Complete Streets locally.
- FASTER some fees from vehicle registration are going toward multimodal transportation initiatives
- New governor already showing that sustainability will be a priority

Bad news:

- House transportation committee is now in hands of people not interested in multimodal transportation.
- There is a concerted effort to repeal FASTER. Multimodal funding would go to about nothing.
- As voters, we need to make our voice heard. Diane will send info to take action when needed.

### **C. Community Water Conservation Plan – Laura Frolich**

City and Mt. Werner Water have created water conservation plan. Submitting plan to state for approval. Outlines programs (new and existing) to save water. Main driving force is to reduce peak demand. Will be required to invest in capital improvements to meet peak demand. If we can conserve and reduce peak demand will be able to defer capital improvement costs.

The plan is available at

<http://steamboatsprings.net/sites/default/files/page/3396/Water%20Conservation%20Plan%202010%20Final%20or%20Comments.pdf>

Have begun 60-day public comment period on draft plan (until Feb. 23). Can call or send written comments to Laura Frolich (970) 871-7073 or [lfrolich@steamboatsprings.net](mailto:lfrolich@steamboatsprings.net) or attend public meetings:

- Jan. 18, City Council, 5 p.m.
- Jan. 20, Mt. Werner Water District Board Meeting, 8 a.m.

### **D. Yampatika – via email**

Adult Education Soup Sessions Lecture Series - Join Yampatika for two lectures during the winter covering topics of local interest. As with all Yampatika programs, this is a zero waste event. Guests are asked to bring their own soup bowl and spoon. Yampatika soup bowls and spoons will also be available for purchase for \$5.

Registration required. For details and to register, please call 970-871-9151 or email us at [info@yampatika.org](mailto:info@yampatika.org).

"Climate Change" presented by Nolan Doesken, State Climatologist, Colorado Climate Center at CSU

Date: Wednesday, February 16, 2011

Time: 5:30 - 7:30pm

Location: The Library Hall, Bud Werner Memorial Library

Cost: \$15 (includes a casual soup dinner, soft drinks and dessert)

"Climate Change" presented by Trey Schillie, USFS Ecosystem Services Specialist

Date: Wednesday, March 9, 2011

Time: 5:30 - 7:30pm

Location: The Library Hall, Bud Werner Memorial Library

Cost: \$15 (includes a casual soup dinner, soft drinks and dessert)

## **VI. Open Forum**

### **A. Sigi Malinowski, visiting artist**

Sigi showed images of his work including a building made from e-crete, which is made out of fly ash (waste product from coal power plants):

- R value of 29
- Soundproof, fireproof
- Being used in Europe
- Only 3% more expensive than 8" stick-frame house

### **B. CEC, Sasha Nelson**

Work with hundreds of organizations in coalition, formally asking YVSC to become coalition member.

### **C. Routt County, Mike Zopf**

Water Quality Assessment of USGS, releasing draft report.

- Download the report at <ftp://ftpext.usgs.gov/pub/cr/co/denver/Bauch/report%20for%20Mike/>
- Water quality monitoring ends in April. Need \$10,000 to continue.

County Commissioners voted unanimously to fully fund YVR & YVSC

### **D. Transition Steamboat**

## Mini Energy Summit with Randy Udall

- Jan. 19, 2011
- 6:30 p.m.
- Local Green Business Expo
- booths only \$25
- Call 970.819.2769 for more info.

## VII. Old Business

### A. YVSC Sub-Committee Reports

#### 1. Zero Waste Initiative

- Looking to hire Zero Waste coordinator/admin. Check [www.yvsc.org](http://www.yvsc.org) for job posting in next few weeks.
- Initiative is taking on new projects.
- Meeting this month toward end of month. Contact Liz Wahl at [lwahl@steamboat.com](mailto:lwahl@steamboat.com) if you want to be included on emails.

#### 2. Talking Green

- Green Drinks Networking Event featuring Nonprofit Community Partners  
January 25, 2011  
5:00 – 6:30 p.m.  
Sweetwater Grill  
Half price drink specials and free appetizer sampling.
- Looking for Talking Green committee members. Meet once a month, currently second Tuesday of the month. Email Sarah if you want to join committee. Especially need marketing help.

#### 3. Youth Education

- Committee meeting  
Jan. 13, 2011  
4:3-5:30 at library.  
Please email Kyleigh DeMicco at [kyleigh@steamboatchamber.com](mailto:kyleigh@steamboatchamber.com) if you want to get involved.
- High school looking into composting.
- Exploring grant opportunities for youth ed.
- Colorado Z foundation benefit, showing Telluride Mtn. Films

#### 4. Green Building

- Planning 4 different workshops this year.
- Construction recycling guide needs to be updated. Will be creating a guide/packet for contractors.
- Email Sarah Fox at [sarah@fox-construction.com](mailto:sarah@fox-construction.com) if you are interested in joining the committee.

## VIII. New Business

### A. 2011 Programs/Events/Partnerships

#### 1. Eco-Fund

- Partnership with SSRC. Appeal to pass holders.

#### 2. ReTree

- YVSC will be taking lead on event. Tristan and Laura still very much involved.
- Looking for volunteers. Contact Anne Mudgett at [anne@yvsc.org](mailto:anne@yvsc.org) if you are interested in helping to plan the 2011 event.

### B. Other

#### 1. YVSC Administrative Position

- YVSC will also be hiring additional administrative assistance. Please check for both the Zero Waste position and general YVSC admin position descriptions on the YVSC website [www.yvsc.org](http://www.yvsc.org).

#### 2. YVSC Board Members

- YVSC is looking for Board members. Check the website for the volunteer job description and application [www.yvsc.org](http://www.yvsc.org).

Next meeting February 2, 2011 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Centennial Hall Rms 113-114