



Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes
February 2, 2011

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: Sarah Jones, Ted Allen, Marsha Daughenbaugh, Meg Bentley, Paul Potyen, Diane Mitsch Bush, George Danellis, Sonja Macys, Angela Ashby, Bob Keenan, Tom Fitzgerald, Natalie Ooi, Kyleigh DeMicco, Drew Williams, Candace Noriega and Anne Mudgett.

III. Approval of [Minutes from January 5, 2011](#) Monthly Meeting.

Minute will need to be approved at next meeting, as there was not a quorum of YVSC Board members.

IV. Partner Updates

A. Yampa Valley Partners/GEO

- Energy Plan- We will be reintroducing plan once we have revisions done.
- Multi-family weatherization assistance is available from GEO.

B. Yampatika

- Soup Session on Climate Change with Nolan Doesken
February 16
5:30 -7:30 pm
Library
- Will be receiving last check from Sierra Club from Hayden Power Plant lawsuit tomorrow. Will go toward solar at Legacy Ranch.
- Need \$27,000 to finish solar project. Looking for funding.
- Colorado Collaboration Award call for nominations announced \$50,000. Would be great for Routt County nonprofits to apply.
- Sonja is now serving on CAEE board.
- Colorado Kids Outdoors grant for internship program. Demonstrated commitment to the field, possibly pursuing higher education in sustainability. Announcement on the Yampatika website www.yampatika.org. 2 full-time and one part-time position.

V. Open Forum

A. Home ReSource via email

- Home ReSource hours Wed ,Thurs, Fri 9-3 Sat 9-12 salvageit.org or call Mike Williams yard manager to set appt.879-6985.
- Home ReSource is also offering FREE consult to contractors and Home Owners who are looking to remodel or renovate. We can help you be more sustainable with your project from start to finish.
- Plan now for spring plantings "TWIN GRO" compost. Sustainability starts here!

B. Transportation, Diane Mitsch Bush

- Legislature in session.

- Legislation proposed that would strip funding from FASTER. Trying to dismantle transportation funding piece by piece. May not get out of committee. Representative Baumgardner has been an opponent of bicycling and transit in the past. Our Senator, Jean White, knows the importance of bicycling and transit.
- When communicating with our with Representatives, we need to stress rural aspects and small businesses, including ranches.

C. CEC, via email

Last Week:

Energy Efficiency: Sen. Michael Johnston's bill **SB 32 "On-Bill Financing for Energy Cost Savings"** was postponed until next week - in SCR 353. See additional note below.

Water: Trout Unlimited's license plate bill, **HB 1034 "Protect Our Rivers Special License Plate"** by Rep. Wilson and Sen. Schwartz passed out of the House Transportation committee amended. It was referred to the House Agriculture and Natural Resources committee by a motion from Rep. Brown.

This Week:

Green Energy/Clean Air: Two energy bills that we recommend STRONGLY opposing will be coming up in the Senate State, Veterans and Military Affairs Committee tomorrow, Monday, January 31 at 1:30PM SCR 353. **SB 58 by Sen. Renfroe "Electric Utility Least Cost Planning Rules"** will remove the power of the Public Utility Commission to consider health and environmental factors when making decision regarding electric utilities. **SB 71 by Sen. Mitchell "Reduce Energy Costs"** also removes similar powers from the PUC and rolls back the RES from 30% to 10%. Please coordinate with Pam Kiely of Environment Colorado and Charlie Montgomery of CEC on these.

Energy Efficiency: This week Sen. Michael Johnston's bill **SB 32 "On-Bill Financing for Energy Cost Savings"** is scheduled again for Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources on Thursday at 1:30PM in SCR 353. We are supporting this bill. *We need help getting businesses that support the bill to call targeted members of the committee.* Please contact Charlie Montgomery at CEC and Dana Hoffman at Environment Colorado.

Wednesday Update: Defense on RES rollback (SB 71) and PUC removal of powers (SB 58) have been delayed until Monday, Feb. 7. Any action should be based on this at this point - we did an alert on it at the end of last week.

Transportation - FASTER Attacks: On Wednesday, February 2 **Rep. Becker's HB 1075 "Limit Uses of SB 09-108 Funding"** will be heard in the House Transportation committee. This bill restricts CDOT from using \$15 million FASTER money for public transit and multi-modal safety. We also recommend opposing this bill. Please check the Denver Post article: http://www.denverpost.com/legislature/ci_17163796 *We need help contacting targeted members of the committee.* Please contact Stephanie Thomas at CEC.

DEFENSE

State Budget

1.) **Water Quality Control Division Funding:** It sounds like from an important source on the JBC that the General Fund will be protected for the WQCD. We will be putting questions together on the WQCD funding for the Senate Health and Human Services Committee to ask of the new CDPHE director during his confirmation hearing on Wednesday. Please send question ideas to Becky Long by Tuesday.

2.) **DOW Cash Funds:** Becker's HB 1150 has been introduced and assigned to House Agriculture, Livestock and Natural Resources. This bill transfers \$5 million a year for 10 years from the wildlife cash fund to the water conservation board construction fund. It is scheduled for a hearing on Monday, Feb. 21 @ 1:30PM in 0107. Stay tuned as we will be coordinating our defense.

3.) **FASTER:** *FASTER defense - HB 1075 is up tomorrow - **we should be good on killing it** – call Sasha on Thursday for the latest*

4.) **DNR Severance Tax Operational Account Tier 2 Priorities:** We have communicated with JBC members on our priorities. We have been told that Tier 2 may not be touched this year. We will continue to monitor.

PRO-ACTIVE BILLS

Energy Efficiency Package

Disclosure bill:

Bill should be introduced Monday. Look for more updates.

Green Schools:

Bill should be introduced Monday. Look for more updates.

Recycling

Electronic Waste Recycling:

Manufacturers have come out opposed to the bill. We are trying to negotiate with them. Stay tuned. Bill should be introduced Monday.

D. Energy Star, Bob Keenan

- High Performance Homes: Whole Systems Approach
Panel Discussion
2/2/11
Smokehouse
Free appetizers, cash bar
5:30 p.m.
8 different local experts

E. Green Building, Ted Allen

- International Green Conservation Code
- Accepting Public Comment on the code right now. Free to download.
- Recommended High Performance Construction Webinar GEO website.
- Passage of 2012 code is hung up on window issues.
- Almost verbatim from LEED code. Instead of going through LEED for certification, would go through local building department.

F. Transition, Paul Potyen

- Putting out bi-monthly newsletter.
- Email Paul about events transition@paulpotyen.com so that he can include them in their newsletter and prevent duplication.

VI. Old Business

A. YVSC Sub-Committee Reports

1. Zero Waste

- Volunteers need for Winter Carnival, email zero@yvsc.org to sign up.

2. Talking Green

- Green Drinks networking event was well-attended and well-received.
- Next event:
Community Supported Agriculture & Local Products
February 22, 2011
5:00 – 6:30 p.m.
Steamboat Smokehouse

3. Sustainable Schools

- Have changed committee name to Sustainable Schools
- Monthly meeting:
Feb. 10 (trying to meet consistently the 2nd Thursday of the month)
4:30-5:30 p.m.
Chamber Conference Room this month.
Focus of meeting is on composting.
- Trying to get high school and middle school students in service learning projects that involve sustainability (in collaboration with Service Learning Institute). Going to be talking to Interact group about how they can get involved.
- Reusable trays
200 trays donated from school in Denver.
Doing a Valentine's fundraiser at SPE to raise money for more trays.

- Zero Waste School Events
Started doing a few school events Zero Waste and looking for funding to do all school events Zero Waste.
- All middle and high school students have service learning requirement. If you have any projects that would be appropriate for kids keep them in mind. Service Learning Institute is under RMYC and is the facilitator for service learning for students. Amy McFadden and Mark are contacts. Also, if you get info about project to secretaries of schools, they will get the info to kids.

4. **Green Building**

- Focus is on Construction Waste Recycling Kit for contractors and on making info about incentives and rebates easily available.
- Continuing Education through Energy Star and GEO grants.
- Need to start looking at Green Building Program and remodels vs. new construction. If we can legislate higher energy efficiency codes then we might be able to get more people to get behind it.

B. Other

VII. New Business

A. 2011 Programs/Events/Partnerships

1. **ReTree**

- Tristan and Laura Frolich and going to be helping out.
- Have applied for funding from Colorado State Forest Service and Chamber Special event funding.
- Focusing on planting at Mt. Werner and Emerald.
- June 11, 2011 is date.
- Hope to make it more of a festival w/ Beetle Kill Expo.
- Workshops leading up to event on how to plant trees.
- Will be working on "Voluntourism" packages/marketing with the Chamber.
- Volunteers needed for Planning Committee. Email info@yvsc.org.
- Bark Beetle Info task Force has list of Bark Beetle producers
- Woodman's teams for lumberjacking activities.

B. Other

1. **Environmental Coalition quarterly meeting**

- Meeting of Executive Directors, staff and board of environmental groups to collaborate and prevent duplication.
- First meeting is today in Crawford room.

2. **YVSC volunteers needed**

- a. Board members
Contact Kyleigh DeMicco to get an application. Kyleigh@steamboatchamber.com
- b. Committee members (Talking Green, Sustainable Schools, Green Building, Zero Waste, ReTree)

3. **YVSC part-time positions**

- a. Coordinator position posted on website at <http://www.yvsc.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/02/YVSC-Coordinator-Position.pdf> . Deadline is 17th of February.
- b. Zero Waste Administrator will be posted soon.

Next meeting:

March 2, 2011

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Centennial Hall Rms 113-114