

YAMPA VALLEY SUSTAINABILITY COUNCIL

Monthly Meeting Minutes

April 6, 2011

11:30 am - 1:30 pm

Centennial Hall, rm 113-114

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

Introduction of new board member: Sarah Jones

Introduction of new staff members: Andy Kennedy, Kim Kline, Erica Olson

Call for new board members, including people already on other boards

Call for committee volunteers

Call for funding for continuing to grow employee positions

III. Approval of [Minutes from March 2, 2011 Monthly Meeting.](#)

Motion by Sarah Jones. Approved unanimously.

IV. Complete Streets Ordinance, presentation by Janet Hruby, City Engineer

What is a complete street? Interconnected multi-modal plan, integrating car, cyclist, pedestrian, and public transit.

Ordinance will create complete plan for multi-modal structure and put desire into action plan.

Currently, there is no specific pattern. Ordinance will require evaluation on how to make complete street. Much of the information is in the current regulations, but the ordinance will clarify them. It will help revise current code before it goes before the planning commission and from there to city council.

There is a national movement toward planning for complete streets, including a partnership between the EPA, HUD, and the US DOT: land use, transportation, & environment are all connected. CDOT is looking into adopting complete street ordinances.

Benefits to the community include better health (more walking), good for the environment (8K vehicles @ edges of town, 30K in town), and economic (saving infrastructure, increased real estate value (3-5%) & retail (4-6%) in areas with more pedestrian traffic).

Draft part of planning commission minutes will be online under the planning department.

Show up at city council on May 3rd at 5 pm to show support. If unable to attend, please write a letter showing your support.

V. Partner Updates

A. [Yampa Valley Partners/GEO](#) - Kate Nowak

Breakdown from each county regarding money spent on rebates: Routt = \$44,550 for 64 rebates. Moffet = \$2500 for 25 rebates. Ran out of energy star rebates for appliances, but

\$125,000 added - currently \$25,000 left. Check Recharge CO website often: \$100,000 used in two weeks.

Press release from EPA: announcing upgraded energy star lighting.

GEO grant training last night.

Garfield county has a solar array outside airport that homeowners can buy into. It is the largest community-owned array in country: 1.5 megawatts for 300+ customers.

B. Community Ag Alliance - Marsha Daughenbaugh

Lots of lambing and calving right now. Two weeks from now is upcoming bull sale in Routt County, bringing cattle from local producers to regional producers. April 16th at Hayden fairgrounds with lunch from the Routt County Cattlewomen. Night before is cowboy poetry – 4H scholarship program. Bunkhouse poetry fundraiser.

Recent local food group meeting – 1st tier meeting next week, later will pull everyone together.

Cultural heritage program has new rack cards.

Sunday, Rep Baumgardner will be here @ library from 4-5 pm. Sponsored by RC Cattlewomen, etc.

C. Construction Management Program - Laura Frolich

Construction forum next Tuesday, April 12 at Centennial Hall from 10 am - 12 pm. Focus is on environmental compliance on site and keeping water clean. For information on the expo, please contact Laura.

The City of Steamboat Springs is now on Facebook - updates, council agenda, etc.

D. CEC - Sasha Nelson

Update via email.

E. Multimodal Transportation Issues - Diane Mitsch Bush

Update via email.

VI. Open Forum

- Sustainable biz program – Cents for Steamboat. Recycling fluorescent bulb drop off May 18 & 19, CMC parking lot. Tubes only right now.
- Paul Potyen – when is schedule for EDIED coming out? Email Ang w/ item to list. Collaborative advertising—poster, print, etc.
- Candace Noriega – sustainable living fair in Ft Collins, CO. coming up.
- George Danellis – thanx for getting employees/jobs for community. Rotary lunch group mtg yesterday to increase sustainability amongst local businesses/biz leaders.
- Marsha Daugenbaugh – hooray Sustainable Schools! Kids suddenly saving everything!
- Transition Steamboat – upcoming panel events w/ experts on new energy economy. Case studies w/ completed projects (Rifle solar farm one poss., etc.) – try to do May 4 so have info to give to planning commission. Commission still accepting input through mid-May (wind farms, sun-gevity, talk about where our policies hinder our progress, change policy) -> Jason Peasley wants info from that presentation.
- Jo Lockhart - are there representatives to help biz's recycle, etc? sustainable biz program -> talk to Kyleigh DeMicco or call chamber.

VII. Old Business

YVSC Sub-Committee Reports

1. Zero Waste

Andy Kennedy in new employee position. Lots of growth coming. Everyone should consider joining committee. Committee mtg is 3rd Sat of every month at library at 3:30, but may change. Next is April 16.

Talked w/ Marsha Daugenbaugh re: forum for non-profits to do ZW event, pref. early May. Need at least 3 more site coordinators: talk to Andy. Always need volunteers. Will donate \$100 to other non-profits for X amount of volunteers trained as part of outreach program.

2. Talking Green

Next event:

April 26, 2011 - Backyard Farming

5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

Location TBA

3. Sustainable Schools

Now have reusable trays (part of grant money). Working on future ZW events.

Next SS meeting is 4/14 @ 4:30, school district office

4. Green Building

Three committees, working educating contractors on Green Building code. Energy Star money can be used for education; try to work into EDIED. Getting organized. Caitlyn Mckenzie doing website stuff - Kate had rebate stuff to go on YVSC website.

VIII. New Business

A. 2011 Programs/Events/Partnerships

1. Earth Day (April 22)

- YVR: Missed Bob Keenan's presentation at city council re special proclamation for Earth Day. Heading up green team for city--council will recognize. YVR will, please support. No action steps yet. YVR to sell bags @ city mkt.
- Promote Andy's article on how to reduce impact while traveling" for EDay. FB, etc.

2. Every Day is Earth Day (May 14-22)

- Lots of activities coming - NEED VOLUNTEERS
- Planning meeting 1-2pm April 6, rooms 113-114 Centennial Hall, immediately following YVSC monthly meeting
- Recycling drop-off/cleanup BBQ/expo all at Howelson - expo TBD

3. ReTree (June 11)

- Next planning meeting April 13 (location TBD)
- Intro planning session already done - got some good ideas. Plans B & C in case of weather.
- Planting @ Emerald & mtn., 2K trees @ ea location.

Next meeting: May 4, 2011; 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.; Centennial Hall Rm 113-114