



Regular Monthly Meeting Agenda
December 7, 2011, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Centennial Hall, Rms 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

Called to order to Sarah Jones 11:40 a.m.
38 in Attendance

III. Approval of Minutes from November 2, 2011 Monthly Meeting.

Paul Potyen approves
Liz Wahl 2nds

VI. Partner Updates

A. Yampa Valley Partners/GEO

- a. GEO update contracts winding down YVDP ends in June 2012.
- b. Applied for an EPA Grant as a collective.
- c. Hopes to continue with regular Energy Education Plan.
- d. www.rechargecolorado.org is now www.rechagecholorado.com
- e. Working with Alliance for Sustainable Colorado as a member and on Statewide roundtable.
- f. The Solar Garden Institute elected a new Board.
- g. Suggested speaker – Dr. Scott Demming for Climate Change.
- h. Energy Efficiency Business Coalition industry group that is focused on contractors. Offers training, networking and have earned themselves a seat at the table for DSM talks with Xcel.
- i. Repurposedmaterialsinc.com in Denver takes in Billboards, vinyl, rubber, roofing membranes, weed barriers and pond liners.
- j. Check out Colorado Innovation Network – alignment of state resources to promote economic innovation.
- k. Gov. Hickenlooper signed a MOU with Oklahoma to increase converting fleet vehicles to CNG

B. Routt County Commissioner

- a. Work sessions on regulations and on conditions. The December 6 meeting had over 105 people attending, with a significant proportion of 20-30 year old citizens
- b. All who spoke were well informed. Only 3 people who spoke were against a moratorium. The minutes will be posted on our website next week. Many speakers focused on the idea of setting up a working group of industry representatives, technical experts, representatives of local

community groups, and interested citizens. (since the YVSC meeting this has been done. The WG will be meeting soon. Their charge is to review our current standard conditions of approval for OG special use permits and to suggest revisions). We will then hold public work sessions at both Planning Commission and Board of County Commissioners meetings.

- c. Key save the dates!! Quicksilver SUP approval hearings for oil and gas exploration, drilling, and production at site near Milner. Please do check Routt County Planning page and Board of Commissioners pages at www.co.routt.co.us
 - d. January 19 , Thursday at 6 pm Routt County Planning Commission Quicksilver SUP approval hearings for oil and gas exploration, drilling, and production at site near Milner, BCC hearing room, third floor downtown historic courthouse
 - e. February 21 Tuesday, 5:30 pm Routt Board of County Commissioners SUP approval hearing for oil and gas exploration, drilling, and production at site near Milner at BCC hearing room, third floor downtown historic courthouse. Craig – Bulb crusher successful partner is lightworks operations
 - f. Catherine – year-round recycle containers, mainstreet partnership, leadership steamboat taking on as 2012 project
- C. Transition Steamboat
- a. Try to get the community more up to speed and involved in some of the issues that prevent us from getting off of dirty electricity and on to clean electricity, as well as less electricity. My purpose is not to take any direct public swipes at YVEA, but to start a conversation in the community. I have had some success at this.
 - b. Try to establish a good relationship with YVEA and its board.
 - c. Paul wrote an article on Energy-Saving at Home: Incandescent, CFL and LED Light Bulbs. It compared them, and also described what the new incandescent regs were all about. As soon as finished it, Josh Nash at Homelink heard about it, and long story short, it's coming out in this month's issue.
 - d. Paul has almost finished an article demystifying Renewable Energy Credits (RECs). Josh wants to run that in his next issue. He also suggested that he would be happy to offer me (Transition?, YVSC? CAYV?) ad space as compensation. pretty cool. I have postponed that conversation.
 - e. Paul has been meeting informally EOW with Jeff Troeger, Ben Perdue, George Danellis, John Spezia to talk about what we know and don't know about YVEA, and what do we need to know in order to move YVEA into the 21st century.
 - f. The above group (including Paul) attended the last YVEA meeting, and politely sparred with the board. I think they might be softening. My take was that Larry Covillo was not as successful as he has been in intimidating and insulting his board. I also believe that the more that people come to these meetings, the more they (the board members) are going to pay attention.
 - g. I have been going out to lunch and skiing with Scott McGill, who I like and I think he's pretty open. He suggested that he would be happy to meet for lunch with anyone who had questions about YVEA. Last Friday Scott met with the above group. It was quite productive. One outcome of this was Scott's suggestion that the board invite us (whoever we are!) to make a presentation at their annual retreat.
 - h. Paul has obtained copies of YVEA's last survey (2008) and Holy Cross's recent survey (2009). I have talked to Steve A about this, but nothing has happened beyond that. My goal is to approach the board with a convincing argument for another survey. I need help with that.
 - i. Paul's general feeling is that the board is softening, and if we approach them respectfully with well-prepared proposals that have the support of the community and include specific action items and supporting materials, they would be receptive. I still see Larry as a problem, but I hope it's not unsurmountable. I also want to say that after feeling like I've been working practically alone on this stuff for several months, people (even young people!) are starting to come out of the woodwork wanting to get involved. Very gratifying.

D. Yampatika

- a. Mission –
- b. 20 yrs. Schools focus enviro literacy, all 3 districts,
- c. Yampatika has also been honored with the Colorado Alliance for Environmental Education (CAEE)'s award for Environmental Education Excellence for the Bioregion program.
- d. Open invite – please connect with Yamapitika
- e. Legacy Ranch Update– green and historic integrating green,

E. Colorado Environmental Coalition

- a. Review of Routt County's Oil & Gas Regulations is on-going. We continue to supply information and assistance when and where appropriate. If you know of an individual or organization that wishes to be linked with one of your great Routt County groups, please let me know. We also ask that all individuals and groups working on this issue, please link-up with the State and Federal initiatives CEC is leading.
- b. Fracking Rule making is occurring through the Governor's Office at the State level. We are concerned that the final rule will not protect our water and health. We will be calling on support from everyone to help strengthen these rules in 2012. Please check our website or join our e-mail list for information as it becomes available.
- c. 2012 planning will get underway in December. If you have programs, speakers, movies or other events that you'd like CEC to participate in and/or assist with small amounts of funding, please contact Sasha this month, contact info below.

CEC will once again offer CapWatch briefings to Routt county organizations. If you would like to know more, please contact Sasha this month, contact info below. [Sasha Nelson](#)

[Northwest Organizer Colorado Environmental Coalition 970.824.5241](#)

Please consider giving to CEC or one of the area non-profits. Giving is down again this year and if we are not supportive of these great groups they may not be here when we need them. To help me meet my personal fundraising challenge, please visit:

https://www.givingfirst.org/sasha_for_cec

F. Mike Zopf – Air and Water Quality Issues – impacts from other counties and states how it will impact our lifestyle and economy health to young and old, urban based smog.

G. City Council – Kenny Reisman ask him to give monthly update – 3 votes for Sustainability all city building waste targeted not broad based

VII. Open Forum

VIII. Old Business

A. YVSC Sub-Committee Reports

1. Talking Green
2. Sustainable Schools
3. Green Building - Energy Smart Programming ask Angela for details Energy Star 3 Workshop – Bob Keanen December 13th?
4. Zero Waste – Summit Field Trip
 - a. CAFR update
 - b. Burn out of volunteers for 2012
 - c. Bags for Sale \$36/\$48

IX. New Business

A. 2011 Programs/Events/Partnerships

1. "Taking Root"
December 8, 2011, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Location: Library Hall

B. ReTree Stocking Stuffers

C. 2011 Sustainable Awards

Next meeting January 4, 2011 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Centennial Hall Rms 113-114