

GARNA/Chaffee Green/Chaffee County Community Foundation Meeting

Poncha Market

11/7/2018

Attendees: Lisa Martin, Lane Kottmeier, Michael Hannigan, Jacy Doumas, Thomas Doumas, Dominique, Karen Lundberg

- Brief history of sustainability work in Chaffee County.
- Recycling issues faced by Angel of Shavano
 - No more plastic bag recycling
 - No more market for 1, 2 plastic
- Chaffee County landfill lifespan
 - Food waste makes up 40% of landfill
 - Food rescue – there are some activities in Salida (Care & Share, Food Pantry)

Current Chaffee Green projects

- Education about recycling. Plans to bring in films from Walking Mountains
- Landfill research and education
- Chaffee County Comprehensive Plan – develop a sustainability element for the plan.

Various comments

- Solutions need to be end to end. For example need to include the market for composting products.
- GARNA is replacing the “Leave No Trace” branding with “This is how we recreate”

Chaffee County Community Foundation

Has three primary goals:

1. Broaden and deepen the participation in philanthropy in Chaffee County
 2. Support and encourage non-profit orgs in CC
 3. Work on big community-wide projects (TD note: that would be difficult for a small org to do themselves?).
- Expect that it will take 3-5 year for the foundation to get established.
 - Important benefit – helps businesses manage their giving.
 - Goal is that the operation of the foundation is from passive income streams – operations are not to be funded by donations.
 - Their role: The foundation is a service provider...

GARNA

Sees overlap in missions from various groups. See the benefit of one group, one board instead of multiple, which compete for board members and funding.

Key strength of GARNA is education.

GARNA is currently working on strategic planning – defining the “lane” they want to be in.

Chaffee Green could be a project of GARNA with representation on the board, that reports to the board.

Or something between a chapter and a project?

The board of CG would be the GARNA board

Karen’s concern – that working with boards and meetings can slow down “doing”. The response to this is that once the mission and goals are established by the board, the projects can proceed with minimal overhead. If the board and staff/volunteers can maintain the optimal balance of communication then staff/volunteers can proceed with their work.

GARNA has been traditionally been a non-advocacy org but do see some fit with advocacy. But not to become the Sierra Club.

Collaboration with schools from the county level to the students is important. This has been happening... E.g. BVHS business class will be looking at the tourist garbage problem, looking for solutions that make business sense.

Going forward – at some point will need a Memorandum or Understanding between CG and GARNA to define the goals of the relationship. This will be after the GARNA strat plan is completed. Then a facilitated meeting between CG and GARNA to work out details.

Action items

1. Dominique to publish a Pros and Cons document on CG coming into GARNA
2. All to review and comment on the pros and cons
3. Lane to bring up at the next GARNA board meeting the concept of CG coming into GARNA
4. Anyone interested should look into joining the Chaffee County Planning Commission – there are 4 openings and they need our voice.