

Chaffee Green Meeting

Poncha Springs Town Hall

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NEXT MEETINGS:

Team reports: **Wednesday, December 5, 12:30 to 2:30**, BV Public Library (131 Linderman Ave.)

Strategic Planning retreat facilitating Chaffee Green direction and goals. Where are we going and how can we get there? **Wednesday, January 9, 12:00-5:00** Doumas Cabin, 3 miles past Mt. Princeton Hot Springs: 18445 CR 162). Facilitator TBD.

Attendees

Deborah Fields, Richard Kenshalo, Gaye Jenkins, Judith Sumner, Jacy Doumas, Thomas Doumas, Wendy Hall, Donna Maloney, Cyndi Radar, Karen Lundberg, Cheryl Brown-Kovacik, Maartje Maas-Potterton, Laurie, Dominique, Karen Lundberg, Kathy Taylor, Christie Barton, Lizzy Bauer, Kathy Heirlein, Donna Cole.

Green Teams – **bold name is lead.**

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| Education | Cyndi Radar , Judith Sumner, Kathy Taylor, Anne Gioscia, Donna Maloney, Deborah Fields, Lizzy Bauer, Linda Killen, Heather Gorby; CC-Jacy |
| Sustainable Salida, PS & bag initiative | Lori Roberts , Deborah, Karen Lundberg, Donna Cole, Stephen Haul; CC: Jacy |
| Sustainable BV & bag initiative | Maartje , Wendy, Kathy H., CC: Karen Lundberg; CC: Jacy |
| Business Outreach | Karen Lundberg (Salida), Jacy, Zach A., Maartje (BV) |
| Comprehensive plan | Richard , Gaye, Judith, Christie B; CC: Cyndi & Jacy |
| Waste options, landfill info. | Laurie Stiles , Gaye, Christi; CC: Richard, Gaye; CC: Jacy |
| Composting | Deborah , Donna, Wendy, Maartje, Kathy H., (Robin Dunn?), CC: Jacy |
| Energy audits, co-generation, solar composting | Chris Martin , Lori Roberts, Deborah Fields; CC:Jacy |
| Town and County meetings & keeping aware of topics | Laurie Stiles , Libby Fay, Jacy (BV); Lizzy , Richard, Dominique, Karen (Salida); Christie (County) |
| Web Master | Kimberly Marquis & Thomas Doumas (resource) |
| CG organizational roles | Meeting chairs: Jacy and Karen; Secretary Thomas, Treasurer Laurie Stiles |
| Resources | GARNA board; CCCF board; Julie Mach (composting); Wano Urbanos; Mickey Barry (Angel of Shavano Recycling); Kendra Kurihara (C4 Lake County); Walking Mountains Eagle County; David Lady (Salida public works), Michael Kunkel (Salida recycling); Life Stream Water Solutions; |

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Agenda items

Report on GARNA & CCCF meeting before this meeting - Jacy

Maybe makes more sense for CG to partner with GARNA than CCCF. There is mission overlap between CG and GARNA. Pros and Cons will be compiled between our groups. To be discussed with the GARNA board next Tuesday. Looking for an answer after the GARNA board meeting in December. CG could possibly be a program, project or an organization of a different nature, under GARNA. Benefit of being a nonprofit under GARNA's 501c3. Any grants are subject to 5% going to GARNA.

GARNA's mission is to foster stewardship of the resources of the greater Arkansas River region through education, volunteerism and experiences. VERY similar to the current mission of CG: To be stewards of the natural resources of Chaffee County.

GARNA includes:

Chapters: Friends of Fourmile, Upper Arkansas Wilderness Volunteers, Crestone Wilderness Stewards

Member Clubs include – GARNA hiking club, GARNA birding club, GARNA photography club, and Earth Friendly book club.

Programs: Youth Ecological Literacy Program (YELP), Public Programs include Salida Community Gardens, Stage and Rail Trail, and Chaffee County Heritage and Byway designation.

Lizzy Bauer – GARNA Outreach Coordinator

In her Master Educator program, Lizzy had "Leave no trace" training which is being rebranded as "This is how we recreate". Adding three Rs: Rethink, refuse, repair first. Reduce, reuse and finally recycle.

Lizzy will do a Press Release for CG after this meeting.

Sustainable Salida Lori Roberts, Salida Chamber - Recent attempt at a major grant

Close to pushing the grant through. Lots of support from chamber, SBA, CO recycling association. Grant opportunity is \$5K - \$25K for 6 new recycle bins. Need a city staffer to manage this including where to take the recycle products. Key to figure out the waste stream (particularly the 3-7)

Liz Weiss will be contacting Richard

Composting – Deborah and Richard

Elements Mtn Composting (Julie Muck) – not meat, not dairy. Creates dirt. Has a \$25K grant (from state of CO) to improve the facility. Pick up in BV and Salida. Email Deborah for info about Elements Mtn Composting.

Waste Management – Solar compacting is available other places.

Master's students at Western State are working on composting solutions. They can help with projects and research. Projects need to be proposed in late spring.

Anaerobic composting – another opportunity.

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Compost is available for free in Salida. Deborah (?) send out information to the group about this. Guidestone does composting.

Education – Cyndi

6 Task Forces formed

1. Informational materials – what can and can't be recycle, update city web sites. Working on how to make the information visually appealing and easily digestible. Films, schools, signs at recycle bins (Deborah, Laurie, Donna).
2. Film and speaker series – Start the series in January. Eagle County shows films 45 – 110 minutes. Tie into some local topic related to the film (Karen, Kathy T and Anne G.).
3. BV Schools – superintendent answered our questions. Business Leadership class (Adam Fuller) – Composting focus – authentic stuff – there is not known solution so very motivating. Goal is to guide the process, work closely with Adam to structure and scope the project. (Cyndi, Robin Dunn?)
4. Salida Schools – getting help from Lizzy. Sheila Moore...on Lori's board.
5. CMC – working with GARNA (field trip on Friday). Enviro science teacher (Garrett) is interested in what CG is doing. Cyndi to meet with Garrett, get the conversation started.
6. Engaging Youth Organizations - who are they, what are they doing, do they need service projects, are leaders engaged. Amy Varble is involved with Boy Scouts and can provide contacts with Girl Scouts, Boys and Girls Clubs, etc. Kristen Van Norman with Elevate Her would likely want to participate. (Linda Killen, Judith Sumner)

Comprehensive Plan research, Town of Salida – Richard Kenshalo

David Lady, Brian Berger meeting about recycling. Downstream markets recycling is very challenging. Looking at better signage on the bins, including fines for dumping. Biggest take-away is from Mickey Barry that recycling is becoming less profitable and BV, Salida Poncha, and County are being asked for more money – this situation is not sustainable. Other resources: Michael Kunkel, Beth Lenz (COG)

Dave Lady points of view: county needs to take the lead, fund specifically as opposed to general fund, co-generation, downstream opportunities for re-use.

Council of Governments – each county in the state is assigned to a COG. We are assigned to a COG in Fremont county. Perhaps a source for recycling. They covered Chaffee County before Micky came. Upper Arkansas Area COG (UAACOG). Beth Lense of COG may have more information.

See Richard's full report for more details. Excellent contacts made and more follow up planned.

Laurie Stiles - Landfill, Waste solutions – some related topics covered above

Shannon – landfill manager. Laurie has been trying to meet with him, no success. Thought there was a Landfill meeting coming up. It was rescheduled – work session with the commissioners was last week.

Laurie will look into subscribing to county meetings in order to get meeting updates.

Christie can help with this communication and outreach to Shannon.

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Does our landfill comply with standards (State, Fed?)? Laurie will research.

Comprehensive Plan update – Richard Kenshalo, Gaye Jenkins

New CDPHE grant program focused on innovations in the downstream markets. Need to get the county and local governments behind this to help businesses get into such ideas. We can talk to the county about helping to get the county to participate in the downstream problem being solved by businesses.

How do we make sure our work connects with the planning process?

County will be hiring a consultant for the comprehensive plan development. Perhaps we could leverage some information from this consultant. Christi will assist.

Energy efficiency, Energy Audits, waste, fuel, cogeneration – Chris Martin

Not present.

General Fundraising

- We will have costs to produce materials...
- How to get donations from the community?
 - Some folks are more inclined to give if/when we get non-profit status.
- Tap into businesses to support us with fundraising events.
- Important to recognize our sponsors.
- Many in Salida, BV, & Salida (& Natrhop? Mt. Princeton Hot Springs?) really support this!

Affiliation with CCCF or GARNA?

CCCF application initiated and accepted. But now in discussion about best partner scenerio

- GARNA – collects 5% of grant funds for administration of the grant.
 - E.g. Stage and Rail Trail – Julie Mock is the project coordinator
- GARNA vs CCCF
 - CCCF is just starting
 - GARNA has lots of mission overlap

Sustainable Salida and Chaffee Green

SBA wants to maintain Sustainable Salida. The businesses initiated and requested the bag initiative. Sustainable Salida is an affiliate of CG. Will continue working with Salida businesses and partnering with Sustainable Buena Vista, Sustainable Poncha Springs, and the County wide coordinating initiative, Chaffee Green.

New topics

Communication

- Multiple email threads
- One subject per email chain please
- If subject changes, start a new subject

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- Summary needed by the originator, so only reply to Sender please
- Use a tight format (Laurie suggested, example – Cyndi’s education notes)

Next steps

Richard – continuing to gather information for best practices.

Green Teams – continue your various tasks and report back at Dec. 5 meeting. List of team members above.

All interested, go to town and county meetings, especially when there are pertinent topics to our Mission.

Actions

- Dominique – contact Western State about teaming up with students on projects.
- Dominique – connect Richard with Western State
- Jacy – connect Robin Dunn with Cyndi about composting in the school.
- Jacy – Amy Varble contact info to Cyndi
- Jacy – connect Kathy H with Cara (ReachAir) about bag-making project
- Cyndi – connect with Dominique on film series.
- Cyndi – meet with GARNA youth program coordinator (Emily)
- Laurie – verify if OK to smash cans at Angel of Shavano and details of what’s accepted
- Laurie – verify about our landfill being in compliance and its future life span.
- Jacy - Organize a facilitated retreat to work on the mission/goals. January 9 proposed.
 - Janie Sabbach or CCCF Michael Hannigan as retreat facilitator.