



Minutes/Notes of 21<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the **EARTH** Group at ASC  
Tuesday, April 7, 2009  
Noon, Student Life Center, SUB  
<http://www.adams.edu/sustainability> (our website)  
<http://ascearth.wordpress.com/> (blog – add a comment!)

**Present:** Christy Miller, Cameron Miller, James Bedard, Kailee Potter, Rebekah Tirrell, Dan Carver, Kristin Young Jaramillo, Georgia Anderson, Audrey Liu, Larry Sveum, Erik van de Boogaard, Katie Silva, Neil Rudolph, Don Thompson, Bailey Jones, Christel Mayo, Gary Potter, Edgar Thomas, Mick Daniel, Marty Jones.

**Next regular meeting: Tuesday, May 5 (Cinco de Mayo), 2009 at noon in the Student Life Center of the SUB.**

### Announcements and Action Items:

- Geothermal Project – Erik brought us up-to-date on the campus's proposed geothermal project. The comment period for the proposal ends in mid-April. The proposal includes two wells, a deep well with hot water that will be piped through a heat exchanger then a second recharge well into which the original hot water (now cool) will be discharged. Both wells will be located on a line between Plachy Hall and the Computing Services Building. If the hot-water well brings 1000 gallons per minute at 140°F, that would provide sufficient heat for 80-90% of the campus buildings! Drilling the wells, and getting the system up and running will be a major task, so it won't happen overnight.
- TRANE – Erik also informed us that the kickoff meeting with TRANE for the Technical Energy Audit would be occurring at 1 pm on 4/7.
- ★ EARTH Week (Committee Volunteers include James and Angela Bedard, Linda Relyea, Marty Jones, Tracy Doyle, Jared Beeton, Rachel Raguindin, David Helmuth). April 13-18. Events: Monday evening (7 pm, Carson Auditorium), variety/talent show with environmental/EARTH themes (Grand Prize, Adventure Program Trip next fall; Second Prize, \$50 gift certificate to May Wa, Third Prize, \$25 gift certificate to Jazzman's; Tuesday from 5-6:30 – Fat Tire Bicycle Tour of Alamosa Ranch, led by David Montgomery (Thanks, David!) – Meet at the Chamber of Commerce building at Cole Park; Wednesday at noon in Porter Hall room 130, film about local foods (Heart and Soil), with short discussion afterwards; Thursday at 7 pm, concert by local group Rescue Party (Carson Auditorium); Friday afternoon from 2-5, Rio Grande cleanup (come and go during that time); Friday night at 6 pm, MountainFilm from Telluride in Carson Auditorium; Saturday, Recycled T-Shirt fun run/walk at 8:30 am, Rex Activity center (Drawings for three cool prizes and everyone gets a T-Shirt), reduce/reuse/recycle garage sale starting at 7 am (bring pre-priced items Saturday morning or drop off your items at the shop area of Porter Hall on Thursday or Friday afternoon from 3-4), solar cooking demo and solar water heater demo (thanks to Cameron, Christy, and daughter Nicole; Mark; Eric Schwiesow and daughter Mara; and Marty for the work session last Saturday) starting at 10 am; lectures on solar energy (10 am), biodiesel (11 am), and a report from TRANE on the energy saving measures proposed for ASC (noon); electronics recycling from 9 am to 2 pm at the Rex Field parking lot (just across the street from the SUB. All during the week, Community Partnerships is sponsoring a high school art show with a theme of Focus on the Earth. Please go see the show – it's cool!

Volunteers needed for Saturday events: (Current list - please contact Marty ([mbjones@adams.edu](mailto:mbjones@adams.edu)) if you can help, and I'll add you to the list)

Fun Run/Walk	Garage Sale	Electronics Recycling
Edgar	Karen	Georgia
Gary		Marty
Christy		

- Trayless dining in the cafeteria has been in existence since Thursday, Feb. 19! Thus far, the initiative seems to be going well. Thanks to Kristen Zagranski and the Sodexo Staff! Next week, the cafeteria will be going completely trayless.
- **Sodexo is really into sustainability, and they are willing to put their money where their mouth is. Sodexo's regional manager is willing to fund a student sustainability director for 20 hrs a week, as an**

employee of Sodexo. If you are interested in this position, please contact Kristen Zagranski, Sodexo's general manager at ASC ([Kristin.Zagranski@sodexo.com](mailto:Kristin.Zagranski@sodexo.com)) or Marty ([mbjones@adams.edu](mailto:mbjones@adams.edu)).

- The composter grant group (Audrey Liu, our leader, Don Thompson, Erwin Young, Laura Thompson, Aaron Miltenberger, Linda Relyea, Cathy Morin, Karl Joliff, Mary Hoffman, and Marty Jones) submitted a proposal to the Colorado Department of Health on time, and we're waiting to hear the outcome (we hope sometime in mid-May).
- Alamosa Community Gardens – Rhonda Mouser, the director of the community gardens, sent me this information about a fun activity on Earth Day. “Our garden kickoff is earth day, April 22nd at Polston garden 5-7 pm, located behind Polston primary school. There will be free food, live music and a few various garden tasks to keep everyone engaged. We are planning to plant a few things in the hoop house, do minor repairs and dream about future green things to come. All are welcome. If someone wants to bring a dish to share, that would be great.” For more information, contact Rhonda Mouser, community garden director, at [alamosacommunitygardens@gmail.com](mailto:alamosacommunitygardens@gmail.com).
- Audrey mentioned that the Community Gardens are sponsoring a hoop-house greenhouse construction workshop on May 10-12, 2009 (a seminar on the evening of May 10, with the hands-on workshop May 11, and wrap-up on May 12). Contact the Gardens ([alamosacommunitygardens@gmail.com](mailto:alamosacommunitygardens@gmail.com)) if you are interested in participating.
- Reminder: There will be two 1 credit hour Habitat for Humanity service learning courses offered in May. One course will be from May 14-16 and the other will be from May 21-23. You'll get hands-on experience with house construction at a house on Pikes Peak and 7<sup>th</sup> Street. The courses are listed on the summer schedule as ID 179 - Habitat4Humanity Green Home and the CRNs are 10206 and 10208.
- Christel Mayo and Bailey Jones announced that they are sponsoring a “Trash-Off” Scavenger Hunt for any and all participants on Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>. Points will be awarded on the basis of trash collected, with bonus points for recyclable items! For more information, please contact either Christel ([mayocl@adams.edu](mailto:mayocl@adams.edu)) or Bailey ([baileyj169@hotmail.com](mailto:baileyj169@hotmail.com)).
- One last note – This will finish my second year as the *de facto* “leader” of the EARTH group, and I would be happy to have someone else assume that role. Please contact me if you are interested.

#### **Task Force Reports:**

- Recycling – Dan reported that five 55 gal drums are being prepared for use as outdoor recycling containers. Over the weekend, Dan, Christine, Georgia, and Marty rinsed out the barrels and Josh Henderson from Art cut the lids off with a welding torch. The drums will be decorated and set out in time for the beginning of EARTH Week. Look for these drums out on campus next week, and please feel free to make a donation of a plastic bottle or aluminum can! Thanks to Dan, Christine, and Georgia for bringing this project to fruition and to Edgar, Kailee, and Gary for collecting recyclables from these drums as well as all the other campus recycling locations! Remember – ASC Community Partnerships has arranged to recycle plastic lids/caps! Please bring your lids/caps to the Community Partnerships building at the corner of HWY 160 and Edgemont for recycling.
- Transportation – The Green Bike Program (with cool yellow cruisers) is still going great. Thanks to AS&F for providing funding and the Adventure Program for providing the checkout and maintenance!
- Communications/Education/Publicity – Please send reports on the EARTH Week activities to Katie Silva ([kgsilva@adams.edu](mailto:kgsilva@adams.edu)) so she can post them on the blog.

Thanks for all of your work for EARTH.

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Submitted by Marty Jones, 4/9/09