

**GUNNISON COUNTY GREEN TEAM
MINUTES
April 10, 2014**

The April 10, 2014 Green Team meeting was held in the Planning Commission Meeting Room in the Blackstock Government Center.

Present were:

Ben Cowan, Finance
Mike Lee, IT
Lee Partch, Public Works
Mike Pelletier, GIS

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 2:05 pm.

PLASTIC BAGS: Those present discussed that day's newspaper article in the Gunnison Times indicating that the City of Gunnison is not supporting a plastic bag ban at this time and would prefer to work toward education. Everyone felt that the action taken at the last meeting was very appropriate. The plan continued to be that a representative from the Green Team will be available in each County building sometime during April 22's Earth Day to distribute up to 10 bags to each county employee for use in picking up groceries. It was also discussed that we may ask if John Cattles needs funding to plant a tree on Earth Day.

BIKE TO WORK: Mike Lee reported much information regarding bike to work events. Colorado has adopted a different bike to work timeline due to the unpredictable nature of weather during the national bike to work week in May. June 25 is Colorado Bike to Work Day. Also, the Pro Cycling Challenge will be coming to Gunnison in August and there will be a Girls Night Out time trial from Gunnison to Almont on August 17. Mike is meeting with Andie Ruggera at the City of Gunnison to possible coordinate with them for a joint event. Ben Cowan will report to Mike regarding possible funding availability for snacks and/or giveaway items.

NATURAL GAS FLEET CONVERSION: Lee Partch was present to report on the progress of the planning initiative for conversion of the fleet to natural gas. He relayed that there are a number of obstacles to such a conversion. The planning group is working with the Forest Service, the Rural transportation Authority, and the Bureau of Land Management to see if enough demand could be created to justify installation of a fuel farm. He indicated new laws allow for a government to set up a fuel farm and then private entities lease and operate it. This allows a government to be involved in the establishment of supply without competing with the private sector. Other strategies might include enticing a fuel company to establish a presence in the area since the closest fueling facility is Pueblo. Most fueling is available along the I-70 corridor. Other issues include the lack of repair personal and facilities in the area, the cost to convert the fleet and issues with high altitude and cold.

ADJOURN: The meeting adjourned at 3:10 pm.