



Economy Sector Working Group
April 20, 2023
10:00 - 11:30 a.m. - Virtual only

MEETING SUMMARY

1. Welcome and roll call
 - a. Present
 - i. John Bristol (Co-Chair)
 - ii. Christine Rambo
 - iii. Gail Garey
 - iv. Sarah Jones
 - v. David Torgler
 - vi. Sheila Symons
 - vii. Michelle Stewart (YVSC technical assistant)
 - b. Not present
 - i. Jeff Trip (Co-Chair)
 - ii. Lisa Popavich
 - iii. Tegan Ebbert
 - iv. Rachel Tuyn
2. Update from the CAP Board meetings
 - a. Initial response to language of draft recommendations
 - i. Board okay with the direct language of the recommendations.
 - b. City Council CAP Partner Engagement meeting (4/4/23)
 - i. Presentation well-received. Council recognized and acknowledged breadth, diversity and depth of Working Groups.
3. Critical review of current 'big wins'/recommendations and possible gaps (Tabs 8-18)
4. Formatted recommendations to be brought to April 27 All CAP Working Group meeting:
 - a. **Recommendation #1:** Develop green purchasing programs/policies at government, commercial, and residential levels.
 - b. **Recommendation #2:** Develop and expand a buy local campaign that educates the public about and promotes businesses that use low-emission production and transportation practices.
 - c. **Recommendation #3:** Fund and develop a feasibility study that examines a regional circular economy.
 - d. **Recommendation #4:** Evaluate and pursue carbon reduction pathways in value-added agriculture programs and pursuits.
 - e. **Recommendation #5:** Support the greening of Industrial Parks and Zones.
 - f. **Recommendation #6:** Identify and pursue initiatives that support clean economy workforce development.
 - g. **Recommendation #7:** Support regional self-reliance on clean energy.

- h. **Recommendation #8:** Expand Yampa Valley Green Business Program in order to educate, provide technical assistance and recognize more businesses to grow a clean economy.
- 5. Next meeting - Tuesday, May 9 - 1:00-2:30 p.m.
 - a. Incorporate comments from all CAP Working Group meeting into formatted recommendations
- 6. Recommendations timeline:
 - a. June - Finalize formatted recommendations
 - b. June 21 - Public Open House (5:30 - 7:30 p.m. - Allbright Auditorium - CMC)
 - c. July - Public release of recommendations - move to quarterly meetings