



Minutes/Notes of 12th Meeting of the **EARTH** Group at ASC
 Tuesday, July 1, 2008
 Noon, Student Life Center, SUB
<http://www.adams.edu/sustainability> (our website)
<http://ascearth.wordpress.com/> (blog – add a comment!)

Present: Jeff Bauman, Christy Miller, Cameron Miller, Laura Moore, Erik van de Boogaard, Ted McNeilsmith, Christine Preiss, Kristin Young-Jaramillo, Ray Jones, Audrey Liu, Aaron Miltenberger, Katie Silva, Marty Jones.

Next regular meeting: Tuesday, August 5, at noon in the Student Life Center of the SUB. Regular meetings will be held the first Tuesday of each month.

Announcements:

- The EARTH Banner was unveiled – it’s pretty cool! Thanks to Chris Wearer for a great design. If you didn’t see it, you’ll get a chance to see it at the 4th of July parade, new student orientation, Autumn at Adams EARTH bake sale (Saturday, September 20), and other venues.
- Sign-up sheets were passed around for participation in the 4th of July parade and to sell reusable grocery bags at the Farmer’s Market. Several people have volunteered for these activities. The current schedule for selling bags at the Farmer’s Market is given below. If you are interested in selling bags on one of the open dates, please send Marty a note so I can add your name to the list. Jeff Bauman reported that we’ll be sharing a booth with the Community Gardens for selling the bags at the Farmer’s Market. For each bag we sell at \$5, the EARTH Group will net \$1. Thanks to Community Partnerships for all their help and support, and thanks to the volunteers for your help promoting EARTH!

<u>Date</u>	<u>Volunteer</u>
7/12	Marty Jones, Julie Waechter
7/19	Morgan Ramsey Daniel
7/26	Laura Moore
8/2	Linda Relyea
8/9	
8/16	Katie Silva, Kristin Young-Jaramillo
8/23	Christine Preiss
8/30	
9/6	
9/13	Marty Jones
9/27	

- UPDATE: Christy and Cameron Miller carried our banner at the Fourth of July Parade. Their daughter Nicole walked along, as did Linda Relyea and Ray Jones. On bikes were Linda’s son Joshua, his cousin Elizabeth Archuleta, Marc Eaton, Cindy Thomas, and Marty Jones. While we didn’t win any cash awards, we did hand out 200 flyers (and could have handed out another 200 – I was woefully under-prepared!).
- The meeting that Christine Preiss and I had with Mr. Don Koskelin, Alamosa City Public Works director, on May 13 was apparently successful. Although the recycling dumpsters have not yet arrived, Mr. Koskelin assured us that they would be in place by the beginning of the fall semester.
- Four 55 gal steel barrels have been obtained from Kyli Kehler and the Model UN, Agribusiness Club, and Tri-Beta for use as outdoor recycling containers. Tentative plans include putting 2 barrels by the apartments and 2 barrels along Faculty Drive. The barrels need to be sanded down before painting and decorating. In addition, to protect the barrels and their contents, simple “cottages” need to be constructed. We agreed to hold a workday or two sometime in August to accomplish those tasks – the date(s) of the workdays will be set at our August meeting (8/5)
- Jeff mentioned that Mary Hoffman is still meeting with Wal-Mart with respect to the use of the Eco-bags (reusable grocery bags). Despite all of Jeff’s efforts, Safeway is still not on board with the bags. Ted McNeilsmith suggested that everyone do their grocery shopping only at City Market until Safeway agrees to the ASC bag discount/donation.

- In previous notes, you've been made aware that Steve Cole has offered to donate the framework and associated parts (fans, etc) for a large greenhouse to the college. At this time, the only action toward actually getting the greenhouse is that an appraisal is being prepared. Steve would like to begin dismantling the greenhouse – if anyone is interested in helping, please contact me (mbjones@adams.edu).
- On Saturday, September 20, the Autumn at Adams events will include a sheepdog exhibition, green chile cook-off, and other fun events. The EARTH group will have a bake sale that day from 10-2 as a fundraiser. Many of you have already volunteered to participate, and I'll send out reminders as that date gets closer.
- Audrey Liu announced that the Community Greenhouse group will be trying to get Gary Nabhan as a speaker later in the fall, and requested a room on campus for an evening presentation. EARTH members may be asked to assist with this event, and are certainly encouraged to attend. More information will be available as soon as a date for the event has been arranged.
- Aaron Miltenberger (our new Coordinator of Student Activities for Student Life) reported that he has been in contact with Julie Nunley of the Alamosa Bus Company to see about getting reduced rate bus passes for students, faculty and staff. We'll be hearing more about this in the future. He also volunteered to include a flyer of "10 Things You Can Do to Help Make ASC a More Sustainable Campus" with orientation materials for new students. That should help in recruiting new members to EARTH!

Task Force Reports

- Composting/Local Food – Laura reported that the plants in the greenhouse are growing well. Several salads have confirmed that the produce is very edible! If you'd like to join Laura and Edgar in taking care of the plants, please contact Laura (moorele@adams.edu). Laura usually is at the teepee greenhouse at 11 on Sundays.
- Transportation – Christine reported that the Green Bike Program has seen significant use this summer! Kristi Mountain Sports donated used (but still usable) parts to the program, so spare parts will be available. The rental agreement has been modified slightly to include a \$1/day late fee for each day the bikes are returned late. Help in wrenching would be appreciated – please contact Mick (mick_daniel@adams.edu).
- Energy – Cameron is still waiting for Carol Guerrero-Murphy to get together with Linda and/or Julie to arrange for publicity about her Kill-a-Watt meter prize for the best suggestion regarding saving energy during the EARTH week contest. The Energy Task Force has provided Erik a spreadsheet with gas usage for each building for the 2007 calendar year, so comparisons can be made with 2006 and the use of natural gas can be carefully tracked. Because we don't have separate electrical meters for each building, a similar comparison/analysis for use of electricity can't be done at this time.

The last item brought up at the meeting concerned leadership of our group. While I have been serving as *de facto* "chair" of the EARTH group this year, I am more than willing to step aside to let someone else take the reins. If any of you would like to become the overall leader of EARTH, please let me know and we can have a group-wide discussion on this matter.

Thanks for all of your work for EARTH.

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Submitted by Marty Jones, 7/7/08