



Sustainability Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 5, 2022

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 5:06 p.m. and Sustainability Advisory Board (SAB) members present were Angela Hawse, Vicki Hawse, Joyce Huang, Dana Ivers, Ken Mihelich and JT Thomas. Dave Jones was not present. Also present were Terry Schuyler, Kim Wheels, Karissa Mielke and Preston Neill.

2. Discussion with Kim Wheels, EcoAction Partners, regarding *San Miguel & Ouray County Regional Climate Action Plan*

Kim Wheels and Karissa Mielke gave presentations concerning building codes and how to implement change that actually works for the community and developers. Kim suggested the board could start with PV and EV ready construction for new building permits. The board expressed a hope to continue the dialogue with EcoAction Partners as the board continues to define its goals. Both Kim and Karissa agreed to stay in touch with the board.

Terry Schuyler, in his SMPA capacity, was very helpful defining the electrical grid, natural gas grid, and explaining energy credits and incentives available. The board agreed to follow up on the credit information and educate the community about the opportunities available.

3. Update regarding the development application moratorium and process to update Ridgway Municipal Code Chapter 7 “Planning and Zoning”

Preston gave an update on the process to update Chapter 7 “Planning and Zoning” of the Ridgway Municipal Code. He explained that the main focus of the proposed amendments is to clarify the application review and approval processes. A table will be created to be inserted into the RMC which will clearly depict each application type and required steps for review and approval of that application. Additionally, the existing application types will be evaluated, and suggestions made to incorporate new application types into Chapter 7 to improve the development review process.

4. Establish mission and group goals

The committee had an open discussion about the municipal code and HB 1362, which recently passed. There was discussion that the board should sit back and let the federal and state governments define the regulations with the new bill. Terry disagreed and said this is a great time with the development moratorium to explore updating the building code. A short discussion was held about the Town of Crested Butte making a major move toward net zero building. The group agreed to look into what Crested Butte put into place.

5. Prioritize projects/initiatives to recommend to Town Council for 2023 work plan

JT ask each board member to state what they’d like to see the group work on or establish as goals. A number of items were expressed, including but not limited to:

- Education and outreach/public awareness campaign
- Energy code update
- Water augmentation
- Water conservation and efficiency goals
- Water meter improvements
- Establish incentive program related to water rate structure
- Promote waste reduction



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- Establish graywater regulations and promote graywater use
- PV/EV readiness
- Optimize irrigation practices
- Encourage low water usage landscaping or xeriscaping

6. Approval of minutes from August 31, 2022 meeting

Ken made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 31, 2022 SAB meeting. Vicki seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously by members present.

7. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the SAB, the meeting was adjourned. The time was 7:03 p.m.