



Sustainability Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 2, 2022

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m. and Sustainability Advisory Board (SAB) members present were Angela Hawse, Vicki Hawse, Joyce Huang, Dave Jones, Dana Ivers, Ken Mihelich and JT Thomas. Also present were Terry Schuyler, Kim Wheels, and Preston Neill.

2. Presentation of proposal for Community Solar Garden in Ridgway

Terry delivered a presentation on the idea/concept of a community solar array being constructed somewhere on public property, namely the remaining area of Green Street Park. The idea was agrivoltaics, which consists of using the same area of land to obtain both solar energy and agricultural products. The group was generally in favor of the proposed project and offered various input and suggestions as the initiative moves further along in the process.

3. Update on the Regional EV Readiness Plan

Kim gave a status update on the development of a Regional EV Readiness Plan. The purpose of the plan is to find out what the needs of the region are in order to be ready for electric vehicles (i.e., what infrastructure is needed?).

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

After robust discussion about board priorities and goals, Dave made a motion to recommend to the Town Council the following priorities/focus areas/work plan items for the SAB in 2023:

- Explore a mandate for all new construction (commercial and residential) to be all-electric ready and solar ready (ELECTRIC READY).
- Explore the requirements outlined in HB22-1362, monitor progress of the energy code board, and on or after July 1, 2023 recommend adoption of an energy code that achieves equivalent or better energy performance than the 2021 international energy conservation code and the model electric and solar ready code developed by the energy code board (ENERGY CODE UPGRADE).
- Enhance education on regional sustainability/climate action efforts by establishing a webpage to serve as a clearinghouse of regional programs and incentives that can benefit community members and help meet regional greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets (EDUCATION).

Angela seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously by members present. Joyce was absent from the vote as she had exited the meeting a few minutes before.

5. Discussion regarding tour of the Ridgway Water Treatment Plant

Preston explained that he'd send out a Doodle Poll to the group in an effort to pinpoint a date and time to hold a tour of the Ridgway Water Treatment Plant.

6. Approval of minutes from October 5, 2022 meeting

Angela made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 5, 2022 SAB meeting. JT seconded the motion and the motion carried on a vote of 5 to 0. Dave abstained from the vote as he was not present for that meeting. Joyce was not present.

7. Adjournment

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