

# Ridgway Sustainability Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

## June 6, 2024

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### 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 5:04 p.m.. Ridgway Sustainability Advisory Board (SAB) members present were Angela Hawse, Joyce Huang, Dana Ivers, Dave Jones, David Kehmeier and Terry Schuyler. Staff representative Deb Overton was also present. Ken Mihelich was absent.

### 2. Discussion re: Green Street Park Master Plan

Staff provided an update on the last meeting with Superbloom. Superbloom shared the results of the survey, noting that 38% of those who responded to the survey were in favor of a solar array in Green Street Park (GSP) and another 17% were in favor of solar, if the solar panels were raised. Superbloom will be presenting 3 concepts at the next public meeting on June 11<sup>th</sup>, based on the survey results, comments from the first public meeting, and recommendations from the various stakeholders, noting that all 3 of the concepts include 425 watts of solar panels.

There was discussion regarding how to address those who are opposed to solar, including residents who live close to GSP. The Board agreed that education on the benefits of solar is a crucial component. Terry said that he is working with Mayor Clark to provide a concise explanation of the benefits a solar array would have for the community. Mayor Clark will share this information at the public meeting on June 11<sup>th</sup>

Terry reported that he sent a letter to Superbloom and the Town Manager outlining the SAB's support of a solar array and recommendation for the concepts that are to be presented at the public meeting.

### 3. Regional Climate Action Plan Update

The Board asked that staff take the Ridgway portion of the plan out and create a separate spreadsheet that would become their working document for planning and tracking updates.

### 4. Discussion re: Process for Communication to Town Council and Tracking SAB Pending Action Items

Staff presented a list to the Board of action items that are still pending. The Board agreed they would like a formal process in place outlining steps for communicating recommendations to Town Council and for tracking action items. Staff will discuss this with the Town Manager and get his recommendation.

### 5. Discussion re: Ridgway Ride & Drive event 2024

The Board stated that they would like to have the event again this year. Dave Jones suggested the event be held in August and coincide with either the Farmers Market or the Arts & Crafts Rendezvous, in hopes more people will attend. There was discussion about using the Town parking lot behind the library or the parking lot by the History Museum. Dave Jones volunteered to contact Preston Neill and Joan Chismire to see if the SAB could use one of the parking lots.

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### 6. Approval of minutes from the May 1, 2024 meeting

Angela made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 1, 2024 meeting. Dana seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously by all members present.

### 7. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned. The time was 7:02 p.m.