



Sustainability Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 7, 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 Vicki Hawse, Joyce Huang, Dave Jones, Dana Ivers, Ken Mihelich and JT Thomas. Angela Hawse was absent. Also present was Preston Neill.

2. Extension of officer roles

It was suggested that JT retain the chair role for an additional six months. Ken made a motion for JT to continue in the chair role and Vick to continue in the vice-chair role for an additional six months. Dana seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously by members present. Angela was absent.

3. Discussion regarding meeting etiquette

Preston and Vicki began by discussing meeting etiquette. It was established that everyone should be respectful, inclusive and positive. Ken suggested reviewing Roberts Rules of Order.

4. Review of 2023 work plan as recommended to the Town Council and included in the proposed 2023 Strategic Plan

Preston presented the group's established priorities and work plan items for 2023 and ask for thoughts or proposed edits prior to approval by the Town Council. his packet summarizing our last meeting motion for recommendations to Town Council. The priorities and work plan items are as follows:

- 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).

5. Discussion and direction regarding Town of Ridgway actions identified in the San Miguel & Ouray County Regional Climate Action Plan

The group discussed the regional CAP. Dave passed out a paper with his understanding of goals for our CAP. His focus was electrification.

Discussion continued about heat pumps, rebates, etc...understanding that all is in flux as HB22-1362 finds its solid footing.

Preston suggested Google Sites would be a good way to create a Sustainability webpage.

Dana suggested we Zoom with Crested Butte's Community Compass creator, Troy Russ. He had agreed to speak with the committee. JT said he knew all about Crested Buttes compass and would illuminate committee on pros and cons.



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Joyce inquired about the remaining timeline on the Chapter 7 updates.

There was a discussion on the schedule of HB22-1362 and our roll as sustainability committee. JT and Preston both thought our committee should be proactive and submit to Town Council with our suggestions before July. Ken offered that the better and more detailed our submission, the better received. Joyce concerned about info and timing for developers.

Dave mentioned the Utah building code for a reference. JT suggested listening to their meetings.

Dave volunteered to research HB22-1362 for our next meeting and give us a thorough presentation of the complicated bill. All members in agreement for his presentation.

6. Approval of minutes from November 2, 2022 meeting

Ken made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 2, 2022 SAB meeting. Joyce seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously by members present. Angela was absent.

7. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the SAB, the meeting was adjourned. The time was 7:04 p.m.