

RIDGWAY PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

June 18, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was held in person and via virtual meeting portal Zoom Meeting, pursuant to the Town's Electronic Participation Policy.

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m. Commissioners Nelson, Liske, Meyer, and Chairperson Montague were in attendance. Commissioners Foyster, Petrucelli, and Mayor Clark were absent.

WORK SESSION

1. Master Plan Review Work Session #4. Group Review and discussion about the 2019 Ridgway Master Plan: Part V Action Plan

Planner Kemp gave a review of prior work sessions and explained that the work session tonight would cover the action plan, or the "bread and butter" of the 2019 Plan. She explained that the action plan is:

- a list of actions to support the implementation of the Master Plan;
- a tool to guide annual Town Council Strategic Planning; and
- a reference for community partners to support Plan implementation.

Her slides showed each action item categorized by the five Community Values. To determine current levels of action, she color-coded each action item either green for lots of action, yellow for some action, orange for little action, and red for no action.

The commissioners provided the following feedback and questions.

On Action ENV-2A, it was noted that the trail around Highway 62 needs to be improved to better facilitate the goal of completing the Uncompahgre Riverway Trail from Montrose to Ouray.

A process question was asked on whether a consultant would be used to complete the Master Plan process and Planner Kemp responded that it was likely, especially if there were lots of updates. She added that the Planning Commission is the guiding authority behind the Master Plan. Others commented that the process will likely not be as extensive as the 2019 Master Plan update because not as many years have elapsed between updates.

On Action ENV-4, it was asked if there are ways to improve compliance with the dark sky initiative without making lighting compliance complaint driven.

On Action ENV-5A, it was noted that some wording may need to be changed to make the action items more realistic. For example, Cottonwood Creek is not a consistent water supply and cleanout is seasonal. Planner Kemp noted that suggestions on wording changes are welcome and necessary in the updating process.

Action COM-6A, item mentions holding a “Local Government 101” course which led to a discussion about resuming trainings for Planning Commission members. Planner Kemp said she would inform members about the upcoming Western Slope Colorado Planning Conference.

Action GRO-3D, which addresses contingency water plans in the event of a disruption to the water supply, spurred a discussion about needing more information on current water storage, supply and usage.

The Commission also indicated that they would like to see more detail on the Town tree inventory.

The group agreed that the Town Clerk, Town Manager, and Public Works should be consulted to give more detailed feedback on individual action item progress.

Planner Kemp closed out the work session by giving members the opportunity to highlight any areas on the Future Land Use Map where they had questions or comments.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

There was not a quorum to approve the May 21, 2025, minutes because Commissioner Meyer was not present at the May meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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