

# Ridgway Youth Advisory Council Meeting Agenda



Wednesday, April 13, 2022

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## Join Zoom Meeting

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3:20 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL** Cooper Ahern, Anna Bartschi, Kayla Bolane, Maizy Gordon, Gillian Jordan, Indigo Krois, River Randolph, Eleni Wallin, Kaitlyn Winkelmann

## NEW BUSINESS

Item 1 – Approval of Minutes from March 14, 2022 Meeting

Item 2 – Presentation from **Ridgway Community Garden**

Item 3 – Update regarding Community Suggestion Boxes

Item 4 – Discussion regarding presentation to Town Council

Item 5 – Reminders regarding Town Cleanup Day Event and Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup Event

Item 7 – Volunteer needed for meeting summary

Item 8 – Next Meeting: Monday, May 9, 2022 @ 3:20 p.m.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS** Presentation from Ouray County Commissioner

## ADJOURNMENT

## AGENDA ITEM #1

# Ridgway Youth Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 14, 2022



## 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Mayor Anna Bartschi called the meeting to order at 3:23 p.m. and Youth Advisory Council (YAC) members present were Cooper Ahern, Kayla Bolane, Gillian Jordan, Indigo Krois, River Randolph, Eleni Wallin, and Kaitlyn Wikelmann. Mayor John Clark and Town Manager Preston Neill were also present. Maizy Gordon arrived to the meeting at 3:35 p.m.

## 2. Approval of Minutes from February 8, 2022

River made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 8, 2022 meeting. Cooper seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously by members present.

## 3. Presentation from Ridgway Town Marshal and Victim Advocate

Marshal Shane Schmalz gave a presentation on the Ridgway Marshal's Office and law enforcement operations in our region. Victim Advocate Elaine Wood gave a presentation on the Ouray County Victim Services Program.

## 4. Update regarding Community Suggestion Boxes

YAC members said that the Community Suggestion Boxes are nearing completion. Once finished, they will be placed at the High School and Town Hall, and announcements will be made that they are available and what they are intended for.

## 5. Discussion regarding presentation to Town Council

Preston explained that the group is expected to give an "end of year"-type presentation to the Town Council. The group agreed that the May 11<sup>th</sup> Town Council meeting would be the most appropriate time for them to present on their activities and takeaways.

## 6. Discussion regarding Town Cleanup Day Event and Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup Event

Preston stated that the Town will be holding two separate cleanup events in April that would be perfect volunteer opportunities for the group. While not mandatory, members were encouraged to participate once dates are set.

## 7. Follow up regarding West Slope Youth Voice presentation

Preston asked members if they had any follow up questions about Jeriel Clark's presentation at the last meeting regarding the West Slope Youth Voice Program. No questions were posed.

## 8. Volunteer needed for meeting summary

Kaitlyn volunteered to write the meeting summary on the YAC Google Site.

## 9. Next Meeting Date

The group decided the next meeting would take place on Wednesday, April 13, 2022 at 3:20 p.m.

## 10. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Youth Advisory Council, the meeting was adjourned. The time was 4:10 p.m.

## AGENDA ITEM #2







# RCG through 2021

- Program of Southwest Institute of Resilience (SWIRL) since 2007
- Operated on South Laura Street until 2014
- Relocated to Green Street Park & opened in 2019
- Finishing 6-yr lease with Town of Ridgway & requesting a renewal for at least 10 yrs.
- Funded by grants, local donors and rental fees
- We sublease to the Apiary which is currently a program of SWIRL
- Has been led by 6-member Steering Committee



# RCG in 2022

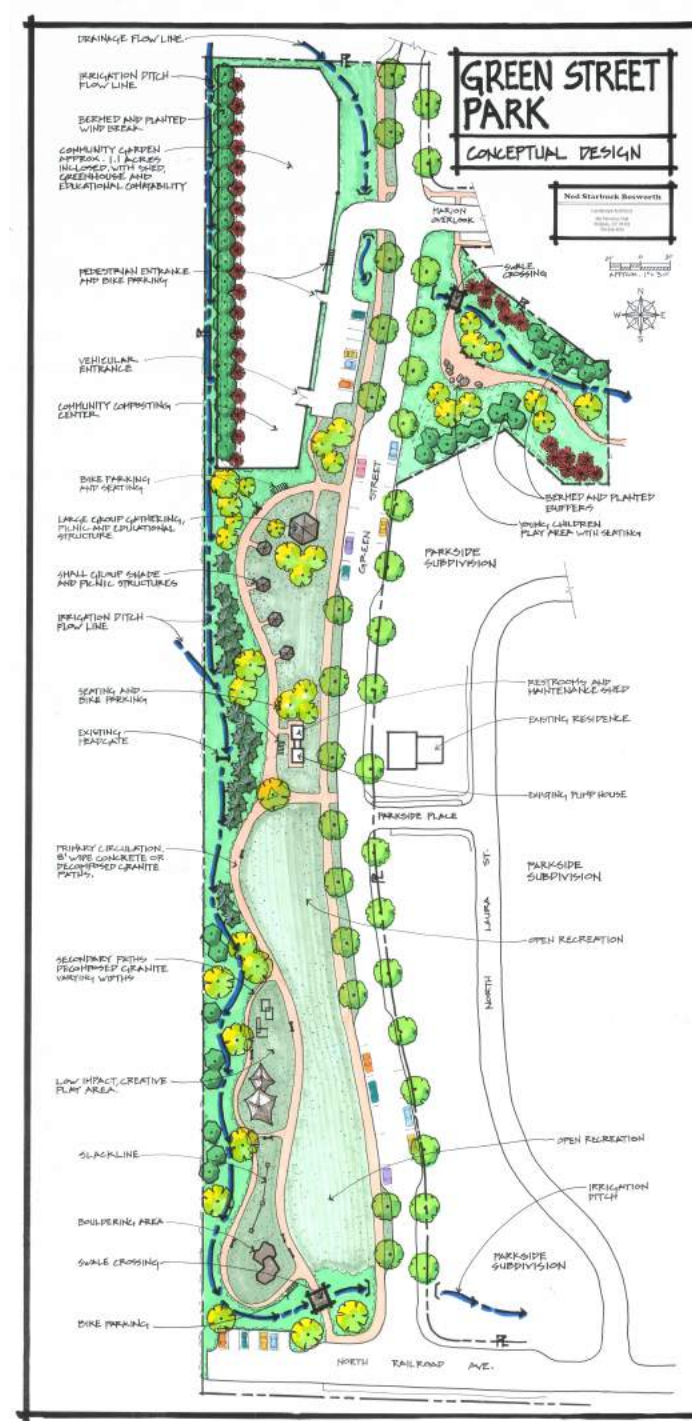
- Now an IRS approved 501(c)3 tax exempt organization
  - Registered with CO Secretary of State
  - Obtained EIN: 87-2994109
  - Secured General Liability and D&O insurance  
(Town is additional insured)
  - Board of Directors: Agnieszka Przeszlowska (President), Chris Lance (Vice President), Judi Chamberlin (Treasurer), Aimee Quadri (Secretary), Dave Peterson, Doug Unfug, Jennifer Franz
  - Apiary relationship TBD



# Green Street Park Master Plan

Adopted by the Planning Commission:  
January 5th, 2015

Adopted by the Town Council:  
January 14th, 2015



# 2019 - 2021

## Garden

- 50 raised beds 4'x10'
- Wildlife fence
- Storage shed
- 2 shade tents
- Pathway
- Compost bins
- Wash station
- Info kiosk
- Tapped to & pay for town water
- In 2021, served 85 adults 52 children



## Apiary

- Currently SWIRL program
- Electric fence & outer safety fence
- 13 active hives
- Planned for 50 hives max
- Meter water off RCG

## LEGEND

- Developed garden 0.48 ac (130' x 160')
- Potential garden expansion ~0.6 ac
- Apiary 0.15 ac (80' x 80')
- RCG lease boundary





























# Partnerships – Schools & Voyager



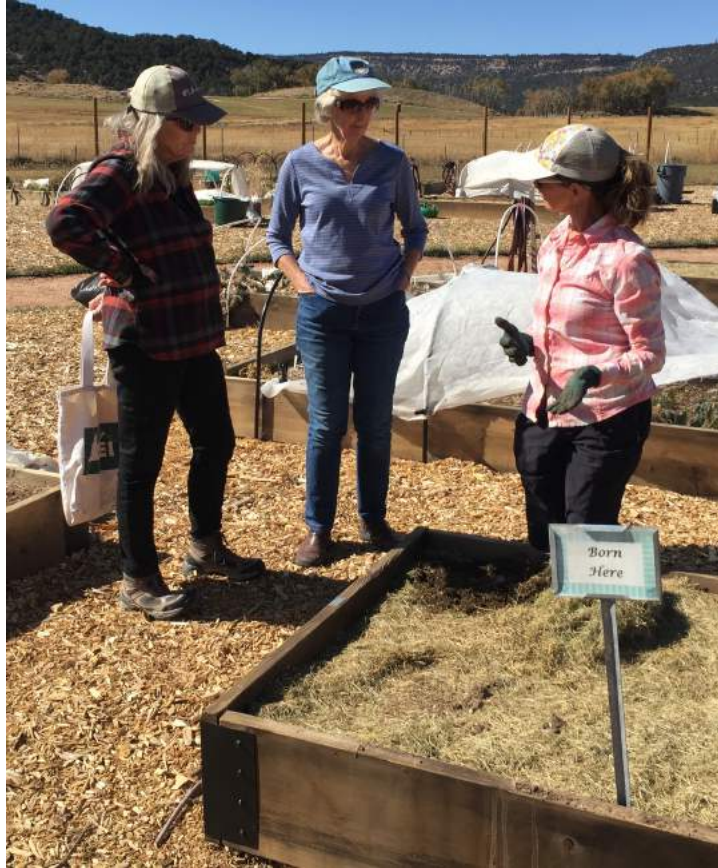


# Partnerships – WIC & Food Pantry





# Education





# What's Next?

## Phase 2 of 0.48 ac Developed Garden buildout

### 2-5 years:

#### Children's Area

- Sensory features
- Small play structure

Elevated beds

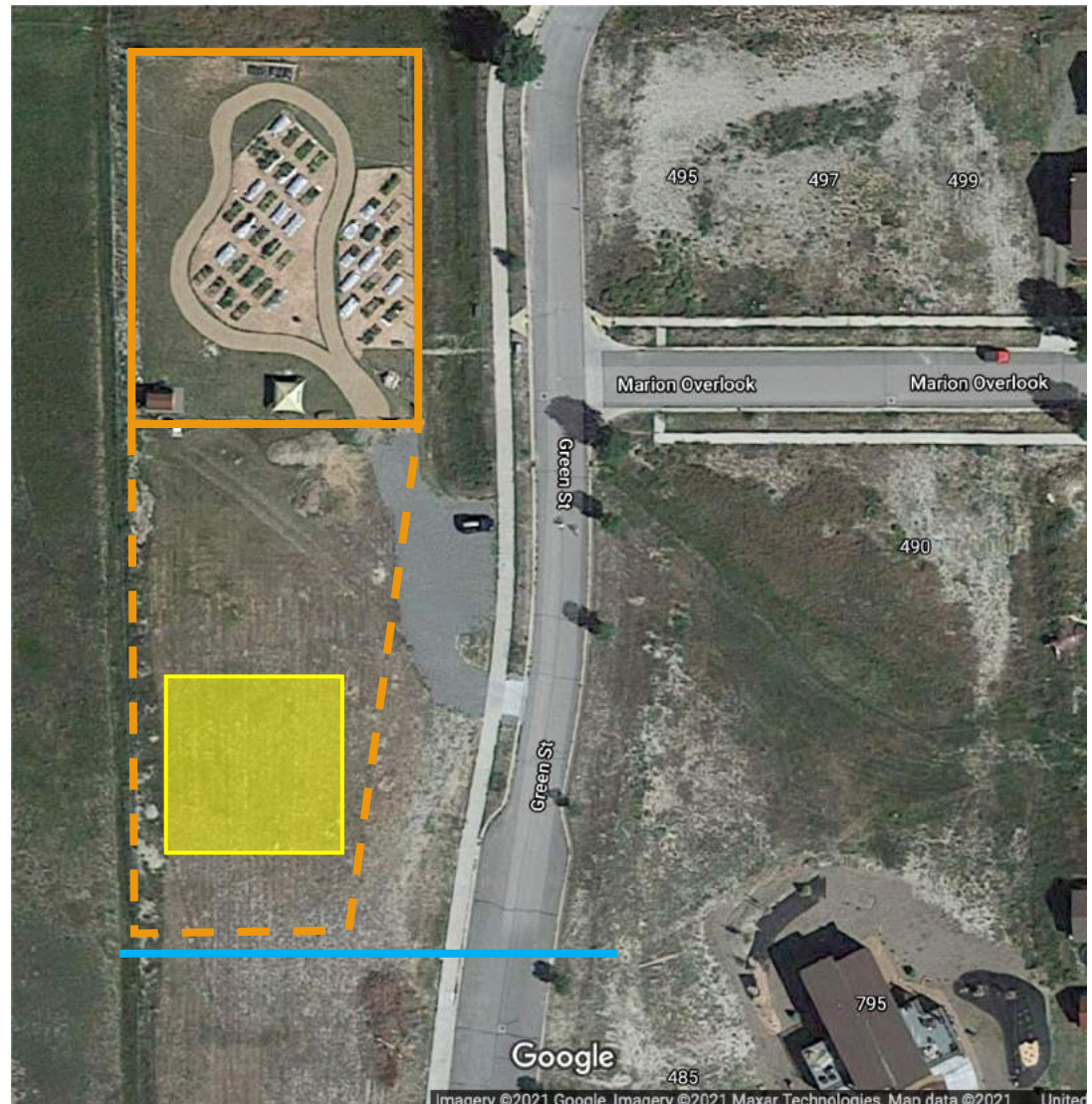
Flowering beds

Permaculture

Art installations

### 10 years:


TBD – potential garden expansion




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