

Ridgway Sustainability Advisory Board Meeting Agenda



Monday March 18, 2024

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5:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL Angela Hawse, Joyce Huang, Dana Ivers, Dave Jones, Ken Mihelich, David Kehmeier, David Kehmeier, JT Thomas

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Discussion regarding Green Street Park Master Plan**
- 2. Discussion regarding establishing goals for net zero carbon emissions.**
- 3. *Discussion regarding changing terms of office for Board members and adding one additional member**
- 4. *Approval of SAB logo**
- 5. Approval of minutes from the December 12, 2023 meeting**
- 6. Approval of minutes from the January 3, 2024 meeting**
- 7. Approval of minutes from the February 7, 2024 meeting**

ADJOURNMENT

**Items that will be limited to 15 minutes.*

AGENDA ITEM #2

RESOLUTION NO. 23-XX

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF
RIDGWAY, COLORADO REAFFIRMING RIDGWAY'S
COMMITMENT TO CLIMATE ACTION, ESTABLISHING A
GOAL FOR NET ZERO CARBON EMISSIONS, AND
ESTABLISHING AN ALL ELECTRIC, NET ZERO ENERGY USE
POLICY FOR HOUSING PROJECTS WITH FINANCIAL
INVESTMENT FROM THE TOWN OF RIDGWAY**

WHEREAS, the Town of Ridgway, Colorado (the “Town”) is a home rule municipality and political subdivision of the State of Colorado organized and existing under a home rule charter pursuant to Article XX of the Constitution of the State; and

WHEREAS, the Town has long been committed to sustainability and to preserve natural resources for current and future generations, and endeavors to be a leader in responsible stewardship of the environment; and

WHEREAS, the impacts of climate change affect everyone regardless of age, gender or socioeconomic background; and

WHEREAS, addressing climate change equitably requires transition from fossil fuels to emission-free, renewable energy that is ecologically sustainable for all people, especially those most impacted by climate change today and those who will be most impacted in the future; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Ridgway Master Plan, adopted on June 12, 2019, contains ***POLICY ENV-4.2: Renewable Energy***, which states: “Encourage the use of carbon-free renewable energy systems within the Town and support the goal of carbon neutrality for Colorado. Support the inspiration and innovation of those who live, work, and visit Ridgway to create a low-carbon economy and lifestyle that improves the health, shared prosperity, and long-term security of our unique mountain community.”; and

WHEREAS, on June 14, 2023 the Ridgway Town Council adopted the ***San Miguel and Ouray County Regional Climate Action Plan***, which has a goal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions 50% by 2030 and 90% by 2050; and

WHEREAS, the State of Colorado has created a roadmap to reach 100% renewable energy by 2040, and in 2019, passed HB19-1261, which sets a statewide goal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 50% by 2030 and 90% by 2050; and

WHEREAS, carbon-free energy resources paired with energy storage, and microgrids, where feasible, are important strategies to build disaster resilience into our communities and will assist with disaster recovery; and ensuring equitable distribution of the benefits of these resources is imperative to adequately prepare for disasters, particularly those exacerbated by climate change; and

WHEREAS, the Town desires to establish a goal for net-zero greenhouse gas emissions and to promote all electric, net zero energy use in residences around the Town of Ridgway.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF RIDGWAY, COLORADO the following:

1. The Town hereby updates its greenhouse gas emission goals to reach net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2040; and
2. Housing projects that receive financial investment from the Town of Ridgway, including but not limited to tax and fee waivers, shall be all electric and shall not include natural gas service or any appliances or equipment which use natural gas; and
3. Housing projects that receive financial investment from the Town of Ridgway, including but not limited to tax and fee waivers, shall achieve net zero energy use, which is preferred to be achieved on-site to the extent economically practicable and may be achieved by enrolling in San Miguel Power Association’s Totally Green Program from 100% renewable sources.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Town Council at a regular public meeting held on the _____ day of January 2024.

John Clark, Mayor

ATTEST:

Pam Kraft, Town Clerk

AGENDA ITEM #4



RIDGWAY

SUSTAINABILITY

ADVISORY BOARD

AGENDA ITEM #5



Ridgway Sustainability Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 12, 2023

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m. Ridgway Sustainability Advisory Board (SAB) members present were Dave Jones, Ken Mihelich, JT Thomas, and Joyce Huang. Town Council member Terry Schuyler and staff representative Preston Neill were also present. Angela Hawse and Dana Ivers were absent.

2. Update regarding Green Street Sustainability Park

It was decided that Item 4 on the agenda would be discussed first. Terry Schuyler, speaking from his role as key accounts executive with San Miguel Power Association, gave an update on his work coordinating with GRID Alternatives to develop a microgrid site feasibility study. He explained that GRID is evaluating the suitability of potential sites for renewable power infrastructure deployment, including the Town-owned Green Street Park area. The group discussed the master planning process for the Green Street Park area that is slated to take place in 2024.

3. Review of Authority & Procedures and the purpose of the Board

Preston gave a short presentation on the Authority and Procedures that govern the SAB, including the purposes and duties, membership and term, and qualification of members.

4. Discussion regarding terms of office and selection of officers

The group held a short discussion about staggering terms of office among active members and potentially selecting different officers or going to a rotating schedule. The group decided to further the conversation at the next SAB meeting.

5. Presentation regarding Fall 2023 Colorado Growing Water Smart Workshop

Preston gave a presentation about the Town's participation at the Fall 2023 Colorado Growing Water Smart Workshop in Grand Junction, CO. The program introduced participating communities to the full range of communications, public engagement, planning, and policy implementation tools to realize their watershed health and community resiliency goals. The Town learned about the best approaches for integrating land use and water planning.

6. Approval of minutes from the November 1, 2023 meeting

Ken Mihelich made a motion to approve the minutes. Dave Jones seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously by those present.

7. Approval of minutes from the November 14, 2023 work session

Dave Jones made a motion to approve the minutes. Joyce Huang seconded the motion and the motion carried on a vote of 3 to 0. Ken Mihelich abstained from the vote as he was not present for the November 14th work session.

8. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned. The time was 6:25 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM #6

Ridgway Sustainability Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday January 3, 2024



1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 5:09 p.m. Ridgway Sustainability Advisory Board (SAB) members present were Angela Hawse, Dana Ivers, Joyce Huang, Dave Jones and Ken Mihelich. Staff representative Deb Overton was also present. JT Thomas was absent.

2. Appointment of new SAB officers

The Board members expressed their appreciation for the great work JT has done as the Board Chair and for his dedication to the SAB. They also expressed their concerns about how much work is involved with being an Officer as well as a Council member and whether a Council Liaison should hold a position as an Officer on the Board. After much discussion, Angela made a motion that Dave Jones be the new Board Chair, that Joyce Huang be the new Vice Chair and that the terms of office for the Board Chair and Vice Chair be one year, with an option to do additional years with Board approval. Ken Mihelich seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously by those present.

3. Discussion regarding staggering terms for Board Members

The Board discussed different options for staggering terms of office, including reducing the existing members terms to end in August 2024, increasing the term periods to four years, increasing the number of Board members by two each year. Staff agreed to prepare a draft proposal for the Board to review at their next meeting.

4. Discussion regarding SAB logo

The Board had a short discussion regarding logo options. Staff presented some options from the Town's Brand book and suggested they consider these to reduce the cost of developing a new logo. Angela requested that they also consider modifying the logo that Dana submitted last fall. The Board requested that staff provide draft logos using the Town's Brand book as well as a draft logo using the concept that Dana submitted.

5. Staff Update

Staff informed the Board that Preston is preparing the draft Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Green Street Park Master Plan and the RFP will be presented to the SAB at the next meeting for review.

6. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned. The time was 6:20 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM #7



Ridgway Sustainability Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday February 7, 2024

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 and JT Thomas. Terry Schuyler and Staff representative Deb Overton were also present. Dave Jones and Ken Mihelich were absent.

2. Review of DRAFT Request for Proposal (RFP)for Master Plan for Green Street Park

The Board expressed their overall support of the RFP prepared by the Town Manager. Dave emailed the staff prior to the meeting stating his support of the RFP as written. Terry Schuyler requested that the words “but not limited to” be placed at the end of the last sentence in paragraph 4. The Board unanimously approved the RFP with Terry’s modification. Staff explained the RFP process and timeframes. The Board requested that they see the first draft of the Master Plan before the first public meeting.

3. Review of SAB Logo Options

The Board reviewed the 9 options for the SAB logo. Dave provided his input via email prior to the meeting stating he would be fine with whatever the rest of the Board wanted as long as the lettering was block letters, not cursive. The Board asked that staff modify Option 4A with block lettering in black print. The final logo will be approved at the next meeting.

4. Update on the Space to Create Microgrid and Resilience Hub Project – Terry Schuyler

Terry provided the background on the project and stated that SMPA was awarded the grant of \$46,900 for the project. He explained that Council budgeted \$70,000 for the project and that the town is also eligible for a 30% federal buydown on the balance of \$23,100 leaving a net cost to the Town at \$16,000. He said he is waiting for DOLA to sign the contract and once that is done and he gets the okay from the Town to proceed, he can buy the materials for the project. He asked if the SAB wanted to participate in helping with the creation of a resilience hub (aka emergency shelter).

5. Discussion Regarding Establishing Goals for Net Zero Carbon Emissions

The Board agreed that the draft Resolution that staff prepared did not provide the requirements they want to see in a Net Zero Resolution for the Town. JT stated that Luke Cartin at Mt. Town 2030 has offered to assist the SAB in developing a Net Zero Resolution. The Board agreed to have JT contact Luke and proceed with getting his assistance. JT said he would keep the Board informed as this process moves forward.

6. Approval of minutes from the December 12, 2023 and January 3, 2024 meetings

Angela left the meeting early, as a result there was not a quorum. Minutes for the December 12th, January 3rd and February 7th meetings will be placed on the agenda for the March 18, 2024 meeting for approval.

7. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned. The time was 6:49 p.m.

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