



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.