



Ridgway Sustainability Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Monday March 18, 2024

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 Angela Hawse, Joyce Huang, Dana Ivers, David Kehmeier and JT Thomas. Staff representative Deb Overton was also present. Dave Jones and Ken Mihelich were absent.

2. Discussion regarding Green Street Park Master Plan

The Board discussed the items they would like to present to the design team for the Green Street Park Master Plan with the Community Solar Garden and Microgrid being their top priority.

- Community Solar Garden and Microgrid – top priority
- Electric Vehicle Charging stations – Fast Charge, if lighting is needed for this, must comply with dark sky requirements.
- Childrens playground area – would like to see interactive playground equipment and a way to integrate sustainability information/learning opportunities such as fort, climbing, leave no trace focus and interactive but informative kiosks, research into solar interactive playground equipment, sustainability education center.
- Covered Picnic Pavilion - solar (can solar on the pavilion be explored?)
- Landscaping that promotes water conservation – xeriscaping
- Sound buffer around Solar Garden – soil appropriate, native/water wise plants selected.
- Pollinating Plants – away from playground so bees are farther from kids, some signs/information on the importance of sustainable pollinating plants for the area.
- Agrivoltaics – shade tolerant
- Interpretive Perimeter Trail – leave no trace, provide a bit more information on what this might look like
- Information Kiosks – including Dark Sky info, charging stations for devices.
- ADA compliant

3. Discussion regarding establishing goals for net zero carbon emissions

The Board discussed their strategy to have a goal that they would cite in the Resolution that would allow the Town to pass and refine it with supporting resolutions and ordinances. The Board unanimously recommended that item 1 of the Draft Resolution establishing goals for net zero carbon emissions be changed to read as follows.

1. The Town hereby updates the greenhouse gas emissions goals to reach net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2030; and

They also asked that item 4 be added to include language that would allow for additional resolutions and ordinances going forward.

4. *Discussion regarding changing terms of office for Board members and adding one additional member

The Board agreed to request Town Council to make change to the terms of the Board members to be staggered as follows;



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Three Board members terms will end in August 2024, as stated in the current SAB Procedures, Membership. The remaining Board members terms will be extended one year to end in Aug 2025. Thereafter, all members' terms will run for a period of three years. Joyce and Dana volunteered to go before Council at the June 12th meeting to make this request.

5. *Approval of SAB logo

The Board unanimously approved the Sustainability Advisory Board logo as presented.

6. Approval of minutes from the December 12, 2023 meeting

JT made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 12, 2023 meeting. Joyce seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously by all members present.

7. Approval of minutes from the January 3, 2024 meeting

8. JT made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 3, 2024 meeting. Joyce seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously by all members present.

9. Approval of minutes from the February 7, 2024 meeting Approval of minutes from the December 12, 2023 and January 3, 2024 meetings

JT made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 7, 2024 meeting. Joyce seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously by all members present.

10. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned. The time was 6:54 p.m.