



Sustainability Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday May 3, 2023

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

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

2. Update by Kim Wheels of EcoAction regarding the Colorado Energy Code Board's release of the PV, EV and electric-ready requirements.

Kim reported that the Colorado Energy Code Executive Committee met earlier in the week to vote on the new Code. The final language for the Code will be available to the public no later than June 1st.

3. Presentation by Kim Wheels of EcoAction Partners regarding the differences between the 2018 IECC and the 2021 IECC

Kim gave a brief description of the more significant changes between the two International Energy Conservation Codes, noting that the Town is already requiring many of the changes. She said some of the other changes include; increasing efficiencies in heat pumps, adding additional energy efficiency package options, adding air leakage testing, duct work testing and additional lighting requirements.

4. Update from Terry Schuyler regarding SMPA Solar Array

Terry stated that the planning grant for the Ridgway Solar Array project has been submitted to DOLA, and they have requested an interview with SMPA to discuss. He noted that SMPA has submitted a total of four grant application for solar in the region and at this time he does not know the likelihood of the Ridgway application being approved for funding. He explained that there are three areas being considered for a solar array, an area on Green Street by the Community Garden, the property south of the Athletic Park and private property south of Solar Ranch.

5. Update regarding website design and content

Dave went over the changes that he and Ken made to the layout and content. Additional items are still being worked on and an update will be presented at the next meeting.

6. Discussion regarding design and creation of a Ridgway reusable bag.

There was a brief discussion on whether the SAB would like to design a reusable bag for the Town. It was suggested that we wait until the next meeting when everyone was in attendance to discuss a reusable bag and designing an SAB logo.

7. Discussion regarding the SAB putting on a Sustainability Conference in the fall.

Dave suggested that SAB hold a Sustainability Conference to inform the public about ways for businesses and residents to become more sustainable. He suggested that the conference could include electric vehicle demonstrations, provide information on rebates, composting, using heat



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pumps as well as introducing the SAB website. The Board discussed possible locations and who they would like to invite. They asked that this topic be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

8. Approval of minutes from April 18, 2023 regular meeting.

Angela made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the April 18, 2023 meeting. Dave seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously by members present.

9. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the SAB, the meeting was adjourned. The time was 7:11 p.m.