

# Ridgway Sustainability Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

## September 10, 2024

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### 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m. Ridgway Sustainability Advisory Board (SAB) members present were, Angela Hawse, Dana Ivers, Dave Jones, David Kehmeier and Terry Schuyler. Joyce Huang was absent. Staff member Deb Overton was also present.

### 2. Review Final Design Concept for the Green Street Sustainability Park Master Plan

All Board member present were in favor of the proposed concept that would be presented to the Town Council at the Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> Council meeting. Terry stated that he would be working with San Migual Power obtain grant funding for the solar array on the south side of the Park. There was discussion on why the green space located across the street was not included in the Master Plan. Staff and Terry thought the HOA owned that property.

### 3. Recap on the EV Ride & Drive Event – Aug 17<sup>th</sup>

Dave gave a recap of the event, stating that it was a successful event and hopes that attendance will increase. He suggested that the event be held next year in the same location and again coincide with the Arts & Crafts Rendezvous. He asked that the SAB focus on promoting the event earlier next year in hopes of bringing in more electric vehicles, tools and machines as well as increasing attendance. There was discussion about reserving the Community Center for additional vendors, educational booths etc.

### 4. Update on Turf Replacement Project – Hartwell Park

Staff update the Board on the progress of the Turf Replacement Project stating that half of the turf has been removed in a small area on the northeast side of Hartwell Park. The remaining turf will be removed in a few days. Alpine Properties will then start putting in the hardscape with native plantings. Staff stated that 5 sprinklers were removed for the project.

### 5. Prioritize projects/initiatives for the 2025 work plan

Staff presented the adopted 2024 Strategic Plan to the Board for reference, noting that the Town Council would be preparing the 2025 Plan during the upcoming Budget work sessions. The SAB was asked to review the 2024 Plan and make any updates to the current Plan and decide if they would like those items to be included again on the 2025 Plan. They were also asked if there were any new priorities/initiatives they would like to add to the 2025 Strategic Plan. The Board agreed that they would like the following to be included in the 2025 Plan.

- Provide educational information on regional sustainability/climate action efforts.
- Establish a Town goal to reach net-zero GHG emissions.
- Provide educational opportunities for builders and homeowners for the upcoming mandate for all new construction (commercial and residential) to be all-electric ready and solar ready.
- Support EcoAction Partners on the enactment of an energy code that achieves equivalent or better energy performance than the 2021 international energy conservation code and the model electric and solar ready code that has been developed by the energy code board



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- Explore available options to accelerate the development of the Green Street Sustainability Park.
- Explore implementation goals for the electrification of Town operations, including vehicles and equipment.

The Board asked staff to prepare a draft Plan for their review.

### 6. **Finalize recommendation to change SAB terms and number of Board members.**

Due to time restraints, this item will be moved to a future meeting.

### 7. **Other Items**

Dana stated that she would be going before Town Council on Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> to present the letter she wrote regarding idling cars in Ridgway. She is asking that the Council adopt an ordinance that does not allow vehicles to idle more than 3 minutes within the Town. Angela asked that members of the SAB attend the meeting to support her recommendation. Dave made a motion to request that Council adopt an ordinance limiting the amount of time a vehicle can idle within the Town limits to 3 minutes. Angela seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously by all those present.

### 8. **Approval of minutes from the August 7, 2024, meeting**

Three Board members left the meeting early, resulting in a lack of a quorum. The approval of the Aug 7, 2024 meeting minutes will be moved to the next meeting on Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### 9. **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned. The time was 6:53 p.m.