

Ridgway Sustainability Advisory Board Meeting Agenda



Tuesday, December 10, 2024

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5:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL Angela Hawse, Joyce Huang, Dana Ivers, Dave Jones, David Kehmeier, Terry Schuyler

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Review of 2024 work plan items and discussion regarding projects/initiatives to recommend to Town Council for the 2025 work plan.**
- 2. Approval of minutes from the August 7, 2024 meeting**
- 3. Approval of minutes from the September 10, 2024 meeting**
- 4. Approval of minutes from the November 11, 2024 meeting**

ADJOURNMENT

AGENDA ITEM #1

Proposed SAB Workplan Actions, by Regional CAP Sector

Community Engagement & Policy

Priority	Item	Proposer
	Town Government Policy	
	Require the entire Ridgway town government to recognize that climate action needs to become “mainstream” in every government department and agency with a systematic approach and governance system that ensures long term emissions reduction target and is integrated into town’s daily operations and policies	Dana
	Pass a Town Resolution stating that all Town Council and Town official decisions should be made with consideration of our carbon footprint and how we might reduce that footprint.	Dave
	Get the town to adopt a net-zero GHG resolution by [date]	David
	Help develop a plan for achieving the Town’s net-zero GHG resolution	David
	Encourage or Advise Town Council to adopt a Formal town commitment to Net Zero by 2030.	Terry
	Set a Town Zero-Carbon or Net Zero goal and Define what that goal means. (Those goals should include replacement of natural gas with electric in all Town buildings and electrification of future transportation and Town maintenance equipment)	Dave
	Establish a Town Idle Free Ordinance.	Dana
	Work with Town staff to develop a Ridgway Town and Community Climate Action Plan	David
	Education	
	Create an Education and Outreach subcommittee that would work on educating the community of Ridgway through webpage updates, ad hoc events, and possibly, too, fact sheets throughout town describing the town’s various efforts and plans	Sheridan
	Work to strengthen and promote our RSAB website as a resource for residents looking to live more sustainably	Dave
	Work with Town staff to add a Sustainability tab to their website to highlight their sustainability efforts and Climate Action Plan	David
	Update/expand SAB website; Integrate with Town’s website when practicable	David
	Work with Town staff to track and publicize Town’s electricity, natural gas, fuel, and water consumption	David
	SAB Internal Function	

		Establish designated SAB liaisons to the Sneffels Energy Board meetings, EV Task Force, Code updates, etc. to promote sustainability collaboration and information exchange	David
		Fully define SAB structure and means for formally providing Advisory issues to the Town Council. Formalize our meeting agendas to achieve actionable outcomes.	Terry
		Explore participation by one liaison from the Youth Council	Terry
		Assist Town staff in any RFPs, grant writing, or actions that would pertain to the Sustainable elements of the Green Street Sustainability Park planning and build out	Terry
		Create an Education and Outreach subcommittee that would work on educating the community of Ridgway through webpage updates, ad hoc events, and possibly, too, fact sheets throughout town describing the town's various efforts and plans	Sheridan
		Review all goals outlined in the Master Plan, annual strategic plan, and CAP. Hold a workshop to achieve this and integrate them into our annual work plan.	Terry

Energy Supply

Priority		Item	Proposer
		Promote SMPA's Totally Green program	David

Building Energy Use

Priority		Item	Proposer
		Building Codes	
		Encourage the Town Of Ridgway and especially the Planning and Building department to work on building codes to achieve full building electrification (and solar) for future larger developments (multi family/commercial) in Ridgway by 2026 to achieve NET ZERO goals.	Dana
		Update Ridgway Building codes and an All-Electric-Ready Building code ideally WITH additional addenda that spell out a date for a future All-Electric Building requirement	Dave
		Town Buildings Energy Use	
		Help the Town of Ridgway hire contractors to increase the energy efficiency in the town buildings	Sheridan
		Inventory Town Building energy use and appliances. Make plans to transition and eliminate all natural gas.	Dave

Transportation & Aviation

Priority		Item	Proposer
		Increase the number of charging stations in Ridgway	Sheridan
		Move Ridgway and its residents (and businesses) forward in adopting EVs and the needed EV chargers	Dave
		Promote vehicle, appliance, tool electrification through EV Ride and Drive and other town events.	David

Waste + Material Use

Priority		Item	Proposer
		Expand plastic film up-cycling program and other recycling programs	Joyce
		Continue/Expand hazardous waste collection services	Joyce
		Decrease festival and event waste - require local management contracts, composting, recycling, etc. at all Ridgway events.	Joyce
		Support restaurants and businesses with waste reduction	Joyce
		Increase community compost programs and encourage participation in composting programs	Joyce
		Develop and promote a free community composting (e.g. Ophir) or compost drop-off program (e.g. Telluride)	David
		Explore options to create a Town sponsored Composting program	Terry
		Educate Town Residents on recycling and composting on our SAB website.	Dave

Food

Priority		Item	Proposer
		Increase local organic/natural food production & consumption	Joyce
		Increase local food supply & consumption	Joyce

Water

Priority		Item	Proposer
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		SAB website information on xeroscaping and plant/tree selections appropriate for our climate.	Dave
		Explore a residential turf replacement program that could include rebates or incentives from the Town, saving domestic water needs and taking pressure off our water supply issues	Terry

AGENDA ITEM #2



Ridgway Sustainability Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Aug 7, 2024

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

2. Review Updated Design Concept for the Green Street Park Master Plan

There was discussion regarding the 50% reduction of solar that was depicted in the new concept. The Board expressed their concerns that the solar that was in the plan, was placed around the Park in a manner that was no longer cost effective.

Terry provided the history of the project and noted that the DOLA grant funds expired for a solar array, but SMPA will be looking for other funding opportunities.

Dave and Joyce suggested that the Board attend the next Council meeting and voice their concerns about the new design and recommend that the solar be increased and that it be moved to the south end of the Park to make it more cost efficient for the Town and for SMPA's consideration for future funding.

3. Update regarding the EV Ride & Drive Event

Dave noted that EcoAction Partners prepared the poster for the event that will happen on Saturday, Aug 10th in the parking lot of the Railroad Museum. He said an ad in the local paper will come out on Thursday and he is hoping that he will have some help putting up signs around Town Park during the Arts & Crafts Fair that day, directing people to the event. He said SMPA will also be there to talk about the rebates that are available. He is expecting to have 4 Electric car dealers as well as some electric motorcycles, scooters, snowblowers etc available.

4. Review and prioritize SAB Pending Action Items

The Board reviewed the current list of pending action items and agreed to prioritize them as follows;

1. **Request to Council - 2025 Budget** – The Board discussed the need for funding for upcoming events and projects for the 2025 budget year. It was agreed that they would like to ask Council for the following funding.
 - \$1000.00 – EV Ride & Drive - advertising, printing costs for flyers/posters, snacks & refreshments.
 - \$1000.00 – 2025 MT2030 Annual Conference - registration, food and lodging for 1-2 SAB Board members.
 - \$200.00 – Website hosting (\$50), promotional materials for electrification
2. **Provide Information to Builders regarding Electrification and upcoming Code Changes**
3. **Update SAB website** – Dave and David. Ken Mihelich will also assist upon request.
4. **Electrification of Town fleet and equipment**
5. **Request to Council - Change of Board terms and increasing the number of Board Members**
6. **Quarterly Update of Regional Climate Action Plan (CAP)**



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7. Request to Council – Idling Vehicle regulations – Dana Ivers

The Board agreed to remove the request to Council regarding adoption of a Net Zero Resolution at this time.

5. Other Item

Ken Mihelich informed the Board that he is resigning from the SAB effective immediately. He said he would be willing to help with the website as needed and plans on attend meetings occasionally.

6. Approval of minutes from the June 5, 2024, meeting

Dave made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 5, 2024, meeting. Joyce seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously by all members present.

7. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned. The time was 6.53 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM #3

Ridgway Sustainability Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

September 10, 2024



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. 11th 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 17th

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. 11th 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. 3rd.

9. **Adjournment**

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

AGENDA ITEM #4



Ridgway Sustainability Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

November 11, 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 Joyce Huang, Dana Ivers, Dave Jones, David Kehmeier and Terry Schuyler. Angela Hawse was absent. Town Manager Preston Neill, staff member Deb Overton and Ridgway resident Sheridan Ribbing were also present.

2. Review of Authority & Procedures and the purpose of the Sustainability Advisory Board.

Preston reviewed the Authority & Procedures with the Board, outlining their purpose and duties, and reminding them that they do not have authority to appropriate or spend Town funds, but can provide recommendations to the Town Council to appropriate funds for projects that are in line with the Towns work plan.

He explained that September is the ideal time for the SAB to meet as it is the most important time of the year for the Board to determine what goals they would like to accomplish in the upcoming fiscal year. He noted that in October and November Council and staff begin meeting to work on the Town's budget and determine what goals will be added to the Town's Strategic Plan (Work Plan). He reminded the Board that there is a section in the Work Plan specifically for the SAB to list their goals and he stressed the importance of the Board meeting several times to compile their list as early as possible. Council ultimately decides which of the items will be included in the Work Plan. He explained that some of the goals or items the SAB proposes may need funds to accomplish, if that is the case, the SAB can make a recommendation to Council to receive funds for those goals.

Preston also provided the Board with the steps they need to take if something comes up during the year that they would like to accomplish that is not on the Work Plan. He recommended the following steps be done in those cases. A Board Member makes a motion that a specific Board Member take the idea to the Town Council, specify the date that Member would be presenting the recommendation to Council, and what the project or incentive is, and why they would like Council to consider it. He recommended that the Board's designated representative make their recommendation at the Public Comment section of the Town Council meeting.

He noted that the Town Council will that recommendation and decide what to do with it. If the Council is in favor of the proposal, they can then direct staff to advance the idea and work on getting it done. He stated that there is always the possibility that proposals do not get accepted due to funding, limited staff and/or resources. It may also not fit into the Town's current Work Plan.

3. Discussion regarding meeting dates

Preston emphasized the importance of attendance by the Board members at the monthly meetings, especially during the budget process in the fall. He stated that he is open to changing the meeting dates to allow everyone to attend and is also open to doing a monthly pole to determine the SAB meeting date each month.



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4. Review of 2024 work plan items and discussion regarding projects/initiatives to recommend to Town Council for the 2025 work plan.

The Board agreed that the items that are on the 2024 Work Plan should stay with a few modifications and additions as stated below.

- Provide educational information on regional sustainability/climate action efforts
- Establish a Town Ordinance to reach net-zero GHG emissions.
- Develop a plan to assist the Town in achieving a net-zero GHG emissions by 2030 for Town municipal buildings and operations.
- 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
- 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.

They also discussed additional items to be consider in the Plan and agreed it would be beneficial for each Board member to compile a list of goals to be consider. Each Board member agreed to send their lists to Dave Jones and David Kehmeier to compile a master list. That list will then be emailed to Preston and Deb for discussion and finalization at the next SAB meeting in December.

The Board discussed going over each of the bullet points on the Work Plan throughout the year to get updates on progress.

5. Approval of minutes from the August 7, 2024, meeting

6. Approval of minutes from the September 10, 2024, meeting

7. Approval of minutes from the November 11, 2024, meeting

8. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned. The time was 7:10 p.m.