



Environmental Advisory Board
Regular Environmental Advisory Board Minutes
Tuesday, September 3, 2024
3:30 PM
130 Kearns Road
Small Conference Room

The meeting may be viewed at: [Town Meeting Media Center | Snowmass Village, CO - Official Website \(tosv.com\)](https://tosv.com), available archives then Environmental Advisory Board.

1. ROLL CALL

EAB Members Present: Rebecca Paschal, Shashi Neerukonda, Mike Steiner, Andrew Wickes, Morgan Fixel,

EAB Members Absent: Jake Ladd

Staff and General Public: Greg LeBlanc; Asst. Town Manager, Darrell Smith: Snowmass Water and Sanitation, Barb Peckler; Secretary

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2.a August 2024 EAB Meeting Minutes
[08-07-24 EAB Minutes.pdf](#)

Andrew motioned to Approve the August 7th, 2024 minutes, and Morgan seconded. All in favor.

3. C.O.R.E. UPDATE-

Rebecca moved the discussion to the Non-Agenda item at this time

4. H.C.E. UPDATE

5. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

5.a Review Sustainability Plan

On another note, a member spoke with Chad from CMZ landscaping, and he stated his company did purchase an electric weed wacker and it lasted three weeks before it completely blew up. He is now back to the gas motors.

6. UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS

Continuation of the review of the Sustainability Plan. The last item to cover is Water & Fire.

Possible guest speakers.

- Speaker from 106W talking about ways to get more trucks off the road
- Fire Dept. providing an overview of past, present, and future fire mitigation
- Create a yearly calendar for items for discussions at meetings
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7. NEXT MEETING DATE

October 2nd

8. NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Rebecca received feedback from board members suggesting that the Board consider creating a Sustainability Coordinator position before the budget is finalized. Given the timing of the budget process, this topic must be addressed at this meeting. All board members received an email regarding this matter. The board members debated whether this was the optimal time to submit such a request to the Council. However, they ultimately decided to proceed with drafting a letter to the Council. After a thorough discussion, the letter was finalized. Greg will send a copy to the board members once all the amendments have been made. Andrew proposed that board members be present at the Council meeting where the letter will be discussed, in case the Council has any questions.

Motion to approve the letter as amended "Requesting a Sustainability Coordinator job position" to be presented to the Council was made by Shashi, Seconded by Morgan. All in favor.

Greg will inform the board when the letter is added to the Council packet.
Final Letter attached

9. ADJOURNMENT

September 3, 2024

**Snowmass Village Town Council
130 Kearns Road
Snowmass Village, CO 81615**

Dear Members of the Town Council,

The Environmental Advisory Board would like to express their strong support for the hiring of a Sustainability Coordinator position within the Town of Snowmass Village. As we continue to advance our sustainability goals and uphold our commitment to environmental stewardship, this role will be instrumental in driving meaningful progress towards climate action targets set forth by the Town Council in 2023..

The Town has six and a half years left to reach the stated 2030 climate action targets. We believe the addition of a Sustainability Coordinator will help achieve these targets. The position would also help the Town address emerging risks and areas outlined in the 2009 Sustainability Plan and 2020 Update that are not currently being addressed.

The Importance of the Sustainability Coordinator Role

The Sustainability Coordinator will play a crucial role in the advancement of our sustainability initiatives by:

1. **Enhancing Sustainability Planning and Development:** This position will spearhead the revision and implementation of our sustainability goals and objectives. By updating the town's sustainability plan and creating targeted programs, the coordinator will address key areas such as water quality, energy efficiency, climate action, waste reduction, and transportation. This ensures we have a concrete and actionable plan moving forward.
2. **Leading Project Management and Implementation:** With a focus on aligning projects with the town's sustainability goals, the coordinator will oversee the execution of various initiatives. This includes monitoring progress, developing success indicators, and recommending improvements to ensure that projects achieve their intended outcomes.
3. **Fostering Public Engagement and Education:** Engaging the community is essential for the success of our sustainability efforts. The coordinator will develop outreach strategies, organize educational events, and create materials that inform and involve residents. This role will help build a culture of sustainability through effective communication and public involvement.
4. **Streamlining Data Collection and Reporting:** The coordinator will manage and analyze data related to sustainability metrics, prepare technical reports, and provide annual summaries. This will enhance our ability to track progress, make informed decisions, and demonstrate the impact of our sustainability initiatives.
5. **Managing Grants and Budgets:** By assisting with program budgets and grant management, the coordinator will ensure that sustainability projects are funded appropriately and comply with all regulations. Their expertise in grant writing will help secure additional resources for our initiatives.

6. **Strengthening Collaboration and Networking:** The coordinator will work closely with various departments, local organizations, and regional partners to address sustainability issues and develop new ideas. Their involvement in the Environmental Advisory Board and other committees will ensure cohesive and coordinated efforts across the community.

Supporting Our Town's Vision

Investing in a Sustainability Coordinator aligns with our town's long-term goals and reflects our commitment to addressing environmental challenges and fostering a sustainable community. This role will provide the expertise and leadership needed to drive progress, engage the community, and ensure that Snowmass Village remains at the forefront of sustainability practices. EAB remains steadfast in its commitment to facilitating community input and key partnerships.

We strongly encourage the Town Council to support the creation of the Sustainability Coordinator position. By doing so, we will be taking a significant step towards achieving our sustainability objectives and making a lasting positive impact on our community and environment. The creation of such position would adhere to practices already seen in Aspen, Crested Butte, Winter Park, Gunnison and Grand Junction.

Thank you for considering this important addition to our town's workforce. We are confident that this role will greatly benefit Snowmass Village and contribute to our ongoing efforts to promote sustainability.

Sincerely,

The Environmental Advisory Board