CALL TO ORDER – BUSINESS MEETING:

Karen Smith called the business meeting to order at 6:30.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

With a suggestion to add a budget conversation during this meeting, a motion by Chuck and a second by Whitney the agenda was approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 26, 2012:

With a motion from Chuck and a second by Phillip, the minutes were unanimously approved as written.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

STAFF UPDATE:

- McKinstry contract is signed and ready to go. A copy of the contract was in the September CSAB packet.
• Solar Tour booklets were distributed to the Board. These booklets were handed out to paying customers at the recent Green Expo and Solar Tour event. Whitney said there were about 150 people on the tour and since her home was so close in proximity to the Mountaineering Center, she had approximately 100 visitors. She really didn’t think there were people who were new to solar, but people who had it and just wanted to see what others were doing. Karen asked if it would be possible to have an update from the Golden Earth Days Committee (GED) giving us an accounting of how they spent the $10,000 that CSAB gave them for this event. Also see if they would share how much they received from ad sales. CSAB needs to determine if this is an event that we would support next year and in the future. Another question would be what was the extent of their outreach to get people interested in solar? Karen also shared her disappointment that CSAB didn’t have a booth at this event but felt better after she saw all of the CSAB information in the booklet. She went on to say that she understood that it is hard to get volunteers for these weekend events, but we need to, as a Board, do a better job of planning and having a presence at events such as the bike race, Farmer’s Market, etc. Theresa commented that she thinks maybe we need more give-away’s too (LED bulbs, water bottles and grocery bags). Theresa will do a calendar for 2013 identifying events that CSAB should have a presence, whether with volunteers or paid staff and how much time would be needed and the estimates of how many people we can reach. Saoirse suggested having something at the booth that is interactive, with moving parts – figure out ways to get people to visit the booth, have drawings or raffles, with quality prizes.

BOARD UPDATES:

Theresa said that last year the budget was $5,000 for professional services and $40,000 for sustainability programs. She has asked for the 2013 to reflect a budget of $55,000 for sustainability programs and $10,000 for professional services. We won’t know until December if Council will approve this, but the request has been made. Whitney felt strongly that the reason we aren’t getting anywhere with the renewable energy goals is because we have not set aside any money for renewable energy projects, such as the Xcel solar garden project, and these things are slipping away from us. She asked if we could make a recommendation to set aside a budget to meet our renewable energy goals. Theresa explained to the Board how the City is looking at a Phase 2 project with McKinstry how that will get us to our goals. She also went on to say that she could ask the City Manager and Finance Director for a place holder, without specifics, but have those funds available, if things come along that we can jump on. Jeff asked if we could put something in the CIP for sustainability. Whitney feels that the City has to have money set aside for “future” things to deal with these projects as they come up. Theresa will have conversations about having placeholders but Chuck added that this Board can also talk to Council to discuss, but other members felt that we need something more tangible before we go to Council. Theresa will report back.

Kurt asked about the website (GoldenSustainability.org) and if we were able to proceed with that addition. Theresa said that we do have a webmaster on staff, but feels that the only way we can proceed with doing this additional website is to hire someone to do the
initial page and then City staff can keep it updated. The Board agreed to have Theresa do an RFP to find out the cost of having the website done and we may have to do a budget request.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**A. Education and Communication Strategies**

Focusing on next steps in communicating sustainability efforts, CSAB reviewed the City of Golden Strategic Plan elements, a previous consultant report, and the original Golden Sustainability Initiative working group recommendations.

There was a discussion on what the goals are now and if there were any changes that needed to be made? Goal 2 intention was to use the Community Working group action plans and check them off as they were finished. Karen recommended keeping Goal 1 and dropping Goal 2, because most of those have been implemented, throughout the years. Jeff - Would like to give the message of change in the community. Karen asked if goal 1 is relative and everyone agreed and is Goal 2 still applicable and she feels we have already moved past that information (even though the working group has important information that we haven’t done) but may need to think about dropping Goal 2. Theresa pointed out that there are still things in that report that this Board has not even touched and we can’t just let that go. Theresa said that she would put together a checklist of where we are and what we have done so we can put that information back out to the community. It was agreed that Goal 2 is important enough to report back on what has and hasn’t been done. Philip suggested that we also could integrate some of that information back into Goal 1 and Strategy 6.

Chuck thinks this is a good time of year to start reporting how we have used energy, water, trash, and how effective we have been on energy and materials consumption. Theresa says that this information will be reflected in the annual report that is published in the first quarter.

**B. Pay As You Throw Ordinance Discussion**

Staff provided an update on PAYT efforts for multi-family and commercial users, including an upcoming survey and plans for the Board to make a recommendation to City Council for adoption.

EDS is selling out to Waste Management. They are retaining their MRF but are renting their whole facility to Waste Management, effective November 1. The contract that the City presently has should remain the same and unless there is a default by either party, the 5-year contract will remain intact with any rate increased justified only by specific items. A-I Organics is also closing for good at the Rooney Road location on October 31 and will have an impact on the community as a yard waste drop off point. Downtown recycling is very important to the Ordinance but the biggest problem is there is no space to put the recycling but we are working with them. A survey is being done by Lisa.
Skumatz, SERA (Skumatz Economic Research Associates, Inc) and will probably take a couple of months to finalize but will go to all building owners of multi-family (more than 8 units attached) and commercial properties. $2500 has been budgeted for the survey but Theresa is recommending additional resources such as cooperative agreements for use of dumpsters, design help for modifying dumpster enclosures, sourcing funds for internal recycling containers or connections with available waste haulers to provide cost estimates for dumpster changes. After much discussion, it was agreed that more budget should be given for cooperative agreements for use of dumpsters, design help for modifying dumpster enclosures, and for education and training.

NEW BUSINESS:

Due to scheduling conflicts the date of the Summit for Economic Health needs to be changed. After discussion, it was agreed that the meeting date will now be Thursday, November 29 at 6:00 in Council Chambers. There will be a facilitator and a light dinner. Invitations will be sent to GURA, Blue Ribbon Panel and Economic Development Commission members.

NEXT MEETING:

November 28, 2012 – Council Chambers – 6:30pm

Agenda: Water Goals Review
Solid Waste and Recycling Goal Review
Calendar
Budget meeting update
Energy Efficiency Guide review

Future meeting – Have Gerry George attend to discuss code changes. Theresa will find out when he will be at Council.

ADJOURN:
Meeting was adjourned at 8:30