PRESENT: Chuck Baroch
Kurt Bendl (arrived at 7:20)
Hillary Mizia
Scott Morissey
Whitney Painter
Gunter Ritter
Karen Smith

STAFF: Theresa Worsham, Sustainability Coordinator
Denise Hish, Administrative Assistant

CALL TO ORDER – BUSINESS MEETING:

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Changes – with 4 big items on the agenda, Karen suggested starting with the budget and then assign funds to projects committed for this year and then downtown recycling, then Local Living Economy and then Board responsibilities. Also as a permanent change, move Public Comment to first on the agenda after approval of minutes. Hillary also asked that at each meeting, we start with reading the definition of sustainability or place the definition at the top of each agenda. Agenda was approved as changed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 28, 2011:

With a motion by Chuck and a second by Whitney, the minutes were approved as written.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

STAFF AND BOARD UPDATES:

STAFF:
Due to the upcoming holidays, everyone was in agreement to cancel the November meeting and change the December meeting to Wednesday, December 14.
Karen and Theresa recently attended Council to give update from sustainability and gave them the memo dated October 17, that was in the packet. Council requested to see all the things that we have tried but haven’t worked out. One area Council felt we are falling short is the renewal energy goals. The City is going to work with McKinstry to provide a report on how the City can achieve its 50% renewal energy goals and the community renewal energy goals.
Since a small amount of funds remains in the 2011 sustainability budget, the Board discussed providing funds to the Golden Civic Foundation to help offset costs for administration of small business loans for energy efficiency measures. Theresa will work with iCast and the Civic Foundation to encourage the Foundation’s commitment to the small business program.

Improve the health of Golden waterways and aquatic life was discussed but we have never really defined this goal. Theresa wants everyone to read and email her any comments by December 9 and then she will send a new draft to then be discussed at the December meeting. The Board will review a proposal to define the City’s sustainability goals regarding the health of Golden’s ecosystems and will formulate a recommendation to City Council. (4 goals: Water quality, consumption, ecosystem health and efficiency of water delivery).

**BOARD:**

**Whitney** – Noted that during the last Council meeting, Mayor Smith said he would like to see a technical con-fab with CSM and NREL to seek a short term committee of a few months to discuss innovative renewal strategies. Whitney offered to talk to Mayor Smith to see what his ideas were and then touch base with Theresa and Kurt. Theresa stated that maybe we add McKinstry and others felt members of CSAB should be involved.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**A. Budget**

$2,500 for the Civic Foundation  
$5,680 – Local Living Economy and downtown recycling

**Budget discussions tonight:**

Zero waste events  
Ecosystem health program  
PAYT downtown  
Local Living economy  
Environmental leadership program

**B. Downtown Recycling programs**

Because of the limited space downtown, the Board discussed strategies to encourage access to recycling services for businesses and residents.

Theresa offered a “block” cooperative model of recycling – Someone would volunteer within the block to host and therefore store containers inside their structure.

Council seems ready to go with a PAYT Ordinance to include downtown commercial and multi-family as Phase 2. Discussion pursued on costs and education opportunities. Scott felt that maybe a voluntary program may be a better option than a mandated ordinance and that would be a great way to get more data. Hillary added the possibility of having
someone attend a Downtown Merchants meeting and facilitate a meeting to discuss options.

C. Local Living Economy

The Board reviewed current options to try to provide direction toward a project intended to support Golden businesses.

_Hillary_ – Still think it’s a good idea to do the study. Have the study done by Michael Schuman and at the same time – get the business groups together to have a visioning discussion and hire a facilitator to lead it. $7,500 was the cost of Schuman but there was discussion on hiring a facilitator (Appreciative Inquiry Facilitator) instead and then decide whether to continue on with a study.

After discussion, the Board agreed to go forward with a Facilitator. Everyone was given homework to send a list of deliverables that you would like to have with this Facilitator and then Theresa can write a scope of work. Collection of ideas and identify programs or methods that we can combine that we can meet our specific goals. Theresa will draft something and send for review. The Board did agree that the group who should participate in this discussion should be the Downtown Merchants, EDComm, GURA, Council, and CSAB.

Goals – The Economic Health Goals were discussed and were re-read.

D. Board Member Responsibilities

The Board will discuss how best to utilize Board members’ expertise and will assign members to cover specific topics throughout the year.

Karen suggested that for the January meeting – come prepared to reprioritize and maybe there should be a shift of who is championing what topic.

ADJOURN:

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm

NEXT MEETING:

Proposed Agenda items for December 14, 2011
- Ecosystem Health Goal
- Annual Report
- Scope of Work for Facilitator