CALL TO ORDER – BUSINESS MEETING:

Scott called the business meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Scott requested that the first agenda item be added for discussion - Colorado Environmental Film Festival (CEFF) - potential sponsorship.

That addition to the agenda was approved by consensus.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 28, 2011:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Danette Dacey Bohl and Alison Kapsalis introduced themselves and their organization, the Colorado Environmental Film Festival (CEFF). A letter had been sent to the Board and it was in the packet requesting a grant/sponsorship of $10,000 from CSAB to allow CEFF to increase their events and educational activities and become a flagship event in Golden. They are going to host their 6th annual festival on February 23-25, 2012 at the American Mountaineering Center in Golden. During this meeting they also distributed the Event schedule and marketing timeline for the Festival and also a document stating their Mission, Goals and History. They are interested in a sponsorship from Golden to help grow the expo, educate attendees, expand the outreach and add a children’s event.
STAFF AND BOARD UPDATES:

STAFF:
- Four seats are open for this Board in February, 2012: Gunter, Kurt, Scott and Whitney. Theresa will forward applications to each and she encouraged all 4 to re-apply. The application will also be put on the City website and must be submitted no later than January 25, 2012.
- City Council will be considering a solar garden in designated districts in the City and Chuck asked Theresa to provide maps of areas in the City that could be ideal for a solar garden.
- Chuck commented that since PAYT program, he now recycles 2/3 and has 1/3 trash.
- 2012 Budget was approved and we now have $45,000 for 2012.

BOARD:
Whitney – No decision will be made at Xcel for solar gardens until February, at the very earliest.

ACTION ITEMS:

A. CEFF
Discussion about sponsorship – would this be a long term commitment or a one-time sponsorship? What would the relationship be? Chuck had a concern about how do we outreach to people?

Scott supported sponsoring up to $5,000 for the film festival and then look at future opportunities to add to that amount to allow for support of other events in 2012.

Theresa will create some criteria of this project that supports the CSAB goals.

B. Ecosystem Health project
The Board reviewed a proposal to define the City’s sustainability goal regarding the health of Golden’s ecosystems and will formulate a recommendation to City Council.

Theresa provided background; which can be found in the December 12 memo.

Comments that Theresa received prior to meeting:
Chuck – include a map of ditches and gulches and waterways / strengthening information about what ends up in our waterways; washing cars in driveways, pickup after pets, etc.

Karen – put more focus on implementation and effectiveness and information about results of those projects and next steps.

Comments/Suggestions at meeting:
Scott – suggested color coding the areas on the map that we have challenges with ecosystem health. He also added that it’s great that you have brought together many agencies but in the context of a goal, maybe it would be more helpful to use the word guideline instead of goal.
Hillary – pointed out maybe a good place to have information/signs/brochures about ecosystem health would be along Clear Creek or the RV Park.

C. Economic Health project

The Board reviewed current options and provide direction toward a project intended to support Golden’s economic sustainability.

Theresa stated that this really needs to be discussed and approved by Council before anything moves forward and with other issues looming with Council now, she isn’t sure what the timing could be with this. Theresa also explained that the Mayor also recently called for a Blue Ribbon Committee to work with Economic Development Commission and others to discuss how to increase sales tax revenues. She feels we may need to put this on hold. Hillary was disappointed that this would not be going forward, due to political reasons. Gunter felt we should move forward and do something toward the goal. Scott asked if there was a place we could meet in the middle with this new Committee. This will be on the January agenda after Theresa does a little research.

D. 2012 Progress Report

Energy Conservation and Renewable Energy Goals discussion - there needs to be changes to the graphs and make this more reader friendly.

This report was given to Council in October 2011 and the colored brochure went to the Community in 2009. Another insert may be in order for 2012.

Other Discussion:

Hillary felt we should think about a Retreat after appointment of new Board members, possibly in February, and include old CSAB members.

Kurt asked how new items can be added to the agenda – Scott felt the most direct way would be to talk to Theresa and then she and Karen can add it to future agendas.

ADJOURN:

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

NEXT MEETING:

Proposed Agenda items for January 25, 2012
- Sustainability program for large events – recommendation to Council
- 2012 Priorities for the Board – review deficiencies in Strategic Plan