1. CALL TO ORDER – BUSINESS MEETING:

Phillip called the business meeting to order at 6:35.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

With a motion from Chuck and a second by Jeff, the agenda was unanimously approved.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 3, 2013:

With a motion from Whitney, and a second by Karen, the minutes were unanimously approved.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Erin Howe – She and her husband recently moved to Golden and moved here with the intention of putting solar on their home and now it is in limbo because of the changes in net metering with Xcel. They are very happy to see Golden City Council considering a Resolution in support of fair net metering to Xcel.

Jim Frederick – Moved here about 5 years ago from Atlanta – background as a Chemical Engineer and is very interested in Sustainability – here tonight to learn what the Board does and what plans are in the works.
Vera Smith – She is a Golden resident and came to speak in favor of a Resolution from Golden to Xcel PUC for fair net-metering. Her family invested in solar on their house about 3 years. They used a Golden company to install, and they did it because they believe in it and because they wanted the rebate. She thinks it is a really great idea for the City to approve a Resolution and it’s really important for Xcel to hear from Municipalities.

5. STAFF AND BOARD UPDATES

BOARD:

None

STAFF:

- **Smart Water Meters** – all Board members have one of the smart meters except for Chuck. Theresa said that at the last meeting there were comments made and she has passed those on to Aquahawk. They are putting together a “cheat sheet” that will be sent to all participants to give you a better idea of how to navigate the website. Hope to have the roll out into 2014. Theresa would like to get thoughts on how we can do an outreach and get feedback from citizens who do have the system and those that don’t have the system and how they would benefit from it. Jeff asked to be closely involved and he and Theresa will meet to discuss, prior to the next meeting.

- Wind Anemometers are up and producing and we are collecting data from 10 towers. This is the start of our wind-mapping – Theresa will put together a map showing where each is placed and will email that to the Board.

- Electrical vehicle charging station – meeting with contractor is the next step.

- Solar project – 6 of the 9 are under construction and we are about 2 weeks from being complete. We are having some issues with the Fire Station 4 site – some neighbors view it as an eyesore and have complained. City staff is looking into alternatives (i.e., move complete system, move 1 tier only, fencing, plantings to hide the panels, etc) as an option and we need to know the cost impact. Drafting a language now that will be placed by the solar sites, giving more information and point out that this is a part of the Sustainability Initiative.

- Board appointments – Council will interview applicants on April 3 and then April 10 will be the Board/Commission appointments. Chuck was concerned that we may get people interested in the position, but do they have the background and credentials to bring real value to this Board/Commission. Theresa replied that this is probably the only board that does have certain qualifications in certain areas of the initiative that need to be really looked at.
6. ACTION ITEMS:

A. Current Project Review

Staff provided information on the following current projects for Board discussion:

- Website Updates
  In progress – making the slider bars – playing with when you hover over the bar of each goal, it will show what projects made up the goal.

- Net Metering Proposal
  Whitney gave a background of Xcel and the net-metering. The program is not being shut down but – All this Resolution will do is support the solar advocates. It’s not a risky position for the City to pass this Resolution, but if this passes, it could literally double the pay-back for all the solar installs that the City just completed and will affect every solar system installed in the City, residential and commercial. Karen suggested that we state that type of information in the Resolution. Philip felt this is dis-incentivising the solar in our City and he would hesitate to predict any rates in future years. Theresa said she will forward to the City Attorney to review at and will also pass in front of a group that she attends to get their suggestions/comments on the resolution and any change in language.

  Jeff made a motion that: The Citizen Sustainability Board recommends to Council that they take a stance on the net-metering issue. The Board feels that net-metering is extremely valuable in providing a benefit to the Citizens of Golden. As proposed by Xcel, it would have a negative impact and discourage use of solar power in our community and runs contrary to the City’s sustainability goals. Whitney seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

- Sustainability Dashboard
  Theresa is still researching options - nothing to report at this time.

- Low Waste Events
  Theresa passed out a Green Events Guide showing minimum requirements for Waste and Recycling stations, water stations, bike corrals and volunteer staff and FAQ’s that she has written. The Board felt that there should be a document for the large events for mandatory low-waste and then have one for the smaller events giving them the option to use these items. Felt we should have a list of the events and say these events this year WILL be low-waste. Karen suggested changing the wording under recyclable materials to - Plastic water bottles, and eliminate them entirely by using recyclable paper cups. Theresa suggested using the cups that the City had left over from the Obama event – there are thousands left. There was discussion about what vessel to use for water – cups or bottles. This year we could possibly do a pilot project
– offer the cups to vendors that want them and then work on doing a complete ban in 2015 of water bottles.

Edits to the document:
Add 1.b – add language start with the bottle program – sell bottles at a cheap rate, buy a cup or buy a water bottle? Give citizens choices on what they want to buy. Maybe do an Informer article telling people that we will have water stations at all City events – bring your own bottle.

1.d. – needs more information about volunteer staffing.

Theresa will finalize and pass by the City Manager for comments.

B. 2014 CSAB Work Plan

After reviewing progress made in 2013, the Board created objectives for 2014. The Work Plan will be forwarded to City Council for consideration as part of the annual sustainability progress report.

Due to time constraints the Board was not able to finalize the report but made some suggestions/changes to the Green Building section. Theresa will make these changes and send to Board for comments.

7. NEXT MEETING:

Agenda topic for February 26, 2014 meeting (Kurt will be absent)
- Draft work plan – Theresa will send by email and ask for comments/suggestions for changes/updates.

8. OTHER DISCUSSION:

Council meeting 2/13/14 – revision of goals – try to come
Board Retreat – Theresa will start looking at dates in June

ADJOURN:
Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.