CALL TO ORDER – BUSINESS MEETING:

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Karen was concerned with setting 2012 priorities with only 4 members present, but felt it could be discussed. Whitney asked to add a quick conversation about the LEED building update and some CEFF information. With these changes, the agenda was approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 14, 2011:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jim Statwick – recently saw that the City had formed a Renewal Energy Advisory Committee and wanted more information on how CSAB will interface with this panel.

Mark Blanchard – Is interested in how this group interacts with stakeholders, children, and education etc.

Saoirse Charis-Graves – Introduced herself as a new Councilor and added that she will be trying to attend these meetings as she is very interested in the progress of CSAB
STAFF AND BOARD UPDATES:

STAFF:

Energy Advisory Program – Will see a large kickoff of this group with a lot of advertising. They are looking for homeowners (4 to 6) that are willing to go through the audit process and who are interested in doing the work and share experiences, maybe on camera. They will also be reaching out to those that participated last year in the energy audits to see if they were interested in participating. They may also look to CSAB for seed money for incentives; CSAB sponsored $10,000 in 2011.

Energy Efficiency Guide – HPB would also like to participate in this document regarding historic homes and would like a chapter in the guide that speaks to these homes. They would pay for their portion of the brochure and Peter Ewers is drafting a chapter for them. The chapter will include things like solar placement, replacement of windows, energy upgrades, while keeping the historic value.

Renewal Energy Technical Advisory Committee (RETAC) – The first meeting is Monday, January 30 at 4:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. Council and CSAB put together this board from NREL, CSM, Governors Energy Board and CSAB for 4 meetings only; through mid-April. Kurt asked if there will be a bio-fuel discussion during this meeting and Theresa said yes that our Fleet Supervisor is very interested in bio-fuel options and will also attend. Recommendations will come to CSAB with findings before they go to Council in April.

Golden Earth Days Council – CSAB has never partnered with them in years past, but recently Theresa met with them and they would like to help with our education goals with solar tours and possible lecture series. They will do a proposal and come present to CSAB in a future meeting.

Reusable Bag project – Both Mitchell and Shelton have ordered 5,000 bags with financial help from the Civic Foundation and the Chamber of Commerce. The schools will decide how they want to distribute and sell the bags but their goals are to promote reducing waste of plastic bags in grocery stores and promote shop local.

CEFF – We have added this to the March agenda. This Board gave $5,000 and they are interested in knowing what we would like to see at the Eco-Expo at the end of February. Send emails to Whitney with ideas.

BOARD:

Karen – Would like to see budget from last year that includes what the dollars were used for along with the 2012 budget.
ACTION ITEMS:

A. 2012 Priorities

The Board set priorities and listed actionable projects for 2012

Green Buildings – Economic Health – Local Living Facilitation / Blue Ribbon Panel / CDPHE ELP training in our community

Education / Communication - Higher education opportunities / Education videos through golden.com and GHS / Sustainability awards program (needs guidelines) / Address the Hanna handbook strategies / Use the neighborhood bulletin boards to get more information out / Lecture series

Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy – Wind Source / Defer to the RETAC recommendations

Solid Waste & Recycling – Downtown recycling / Zero waste events / Continue with the park recycling program to not only Rooney Road but to Ulysses / Shopping bag reuse program

Transportation – VMT recalculated / collecting data from walk-ability & bike-ability efforts (Vince Auriemma will be invited to come to future meeting to discuss)

Water – Finish ecosystem health plan / Water meter pilot data

From these priorities, Karen felt we should start then working on what we want to fund early in the year.

B. Sustainable City Events

The Board reviewed the City’s current inventory of event resources (waste, compost, and recycling containers, bike corrals, and water stations) and then assemble a proposal to the City for integrating sustainability efforts into larger city-wide events.

Theresa distributed a memo from 2009 regarding low waste event strategies on future special events and gave background and recommendations and where we are now.

Water stations have to be assembled by City staff / bike racks can be set up easily / waste stations have to be manned by volunteers for event holders. Theresa is also looking at options for using different colored containers from EDS for recycling/waste.

Ideas: May need to reword the event packet by banning water bottle sales / marking on bins should be simple wording and easily understandable.

LEED CHECKLIST:

Theresa provided a project checklist for the City of Golden Blue Building Remodel and have the following requirements:

1. Site selection
2. Water efficiency
3. Energy & Atmosphere
NEW BOARD MEMBERS:

4 openings and have received 13 applications – those people will now be interviewed at Council in February.

NEW BUSINESS:

Agenda topics for next meeting – February 22nd
- Priorities
- Zero-Waste
- Final draft of Ecosystem Health Plan
- Sustainability Awards

ADJOURN:

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.