1. CALL TO ORDER – BUSINESS MEETING:

Kurt called the business meeting to order at 6:30.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

With a motion from Jim Dale and a second by Maya, the agenda was unanimously approved.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 3, 2014:

Kurt noted that his name was misspelled a few times in the minutes. With a motion from Jim and a second by Kurt, the minutes were unanimously approved as changed.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jim Smith – He shared that he was very happy to have had the first electric vehicle charging station installed in his parking lot along Golden Road and was also interested in hearing what the Sustainability Board is doing. He had it purposely installed at the front of his parking lot so others could and would use. Theresa stated she will provide signage for his charging station. Theresa shared where the next 4 charging stations will likely be installed and they are in final stages now.

STAFF AND BOARD UPDATES
STAFF:

- DRCOG – VMT in the Denver Region – discussed the report that Theresa distributed.

Theresa shared some information on upcoming bikeability / walkability projects.

- City was recently awarded TIP grant money - $3M was secured for the Washington Ave Bridge to Hwy 93 for a complete streets project. This is in the CIP down the road – maybe in the next few years.
- Conceptual Colfax Avenue/US-6 Sidewalk project – Theresa distributed a map/snapshot of what is planned. Theresa was not sure when construction would start.
- Theresa also shared some information on a bike library/ bike share program that is being discussed. Leadership Golden, Planning Commission and others are interested in doing a study for $6,800. Jim asked if there may be a way that we can do a public/private partnership - get the 4 bike shops in town to support and partner for this type of project. Kickoff meeting is Tuesday, February 17 at 4pm. Theresa will send an invite to all CSAB; would be happy for you all to attend. Karen made a motion to share the cost of an initial study and Kurt made a 2nd to her motion and it passed unanimously.
- Climate Adaptation – Just received a draft and will try to plug some information on our annual report. She will also send to each Board member.
- Water filler, water fountain with a dog water fountain – looking at having these installed throughout the downtown and they can be taken out in winter. An ordinance will go to Council to reduce tap fees for public water use. Theresa will let this Board know when that will go to Council.

BOARD:

Jim Dale shared that he lives close to the Tucker Gulch – There is a lot of City property along Tucker Gulch and he recently spoke with Forrester, Dave High about planting trees. Jim would like the Sustainability Board to have Dave look at the property and see how many fruit trees we could potentially put in that right of way and citizens could take advantage of picking them. Theresa said she could have a site plan done and return with pricing by next meeting; possibly do this as a pilot project and then we could figure out what budget this would come from – would this be a budget item from Sustainability or would we go to Council with a budget request. Whitney felt we should also have a conversation about who would take care of the picking of the fruit; should have a plan.
5. **ACTION ITEMS:**

A. **Smart Water Meters and 2015 projects**

Staff presented a proposed timeline for the Advanced Meter Infrastructure (AMI) rollout and discussed how the Board can provide educational support.

Whitney made a motion and Karen seconded that we table this discussion until Jeff is in attendance.

B. **Zero Waste Events**

The Board discussed how to integrate and encourage zero waste best practices into signature city events, such as Buffalo Bill Days, 4th of July parade and various community festivals.

The Board discussed how to push for establishing baseline requirements for low-waste events and encouraging zero-waste events by 2016, when we talk to Council. Maya supplied a zero waste checklist that San Francisco, CA uses and Theresa supplied one from Boulder; that is rather detailed. Theresa is working on putting together a checklist and guidelines for Golden events and the Board felt that it was time to push for getting this accomplished in 2015. This Board agreed that they would like Council to strongly support that the new Events Coordinator be prepared to have at least a baseline (water stations, bike corrals, recycling containers, etc) of zero-waste events for 2015 and then require zero-waste by 2016. The board then discussed the checklist and made changes and recommendations for the Golden draft that Theresa is finalizing for the Council meeting. There was also a lengthy discussion on water bottles – should we allow them or not? This could be a year to let vendors know these changes are coming and they should prepare to go zero waste in 2016. Maya felt that we should also think about requiring zero-waste training for event holders and we should have the new hire attend a CSAB meeting to discuss sustainability.

C. **Upcoming Meeting with City Council**

The Board will meet with City Council on February 5th to present its recently-completed 2015 Sustainability Strategic Plan and will discuss the Board’s goals for Zero Waste Events and implementation of the Pay-As-You-Throw Ordinance passed last November.

Theresa distributed the memo that is being sent to Council tomorrow and what will be discussed next Thursday.

PAYT Ordinance – The City is receiving push back from a couple of HOA’s and they are wanting the Ordinance tabled. The Board discussed what the conversation would look like and what they could discuss with Council. Karen felt we should come up
with numbers for them – like where were we and where are we now with the success of the original program. What were our goals and did we exceed it? What are the reasons we are pushing this – cost savings and diversion from landfills. Need to stress to Council – please don’t table this Ordinance.

Downtown recycling – Whitney stated that she knows that there are at least a couple of Council members that are very interested in downtown recycling and thinks we should address what is happening on this project. Theresa has been working on this and actually has a meeting on Friday. She will add something to the memo regarding this.

The Board had a short discussion on the roll-out of water meters over to Aqua Hawk and what that will look like.

A Greener Golden Event – May 15 – This could be a great time to showcase samples of grass.

6. NEXT MEETING:

February 25th meeting agenda
- Resilience Plan discussion
- 2015 IBC & IECC collaboration with Planning Commission
- Apple trees on City property
- Downtown waste / recycling
- Smart Water Meters

ADJOURN:
Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.