PRESENT: Kurt Bendl
Whitney Painter
Karen Smith
Chuck Baroch
Hillary Mizia
Scott Morissey
Gunter Ritter

ABSENT: none

STAFF: Theresa Worsham, Sustainability Coordinator
Anne Beierle, Deputy Director Env/Utilities

CALL TO ORDER – BUSINESS MEETING:

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Changes to the agenda: the action item on Ecosystem Health Strategy will be deleted. A new item - LEED update on PW remodel will be added after Sustainable City Events. With a motion from Chuck and a second from Whitney, the amended agenda was approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JANUARY 25, 2012:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

none

STAFF AND BOARD UPDATES:

STAFF:

The Boards and Commission Dinner is next Wednesday, Theresa followed up with Board members to see who would be attending.
Council has started interviews for the four vacant positions on the Board. Whitney and Kurt have re-applied, but there will be at least two new members when Council makes the appointments on March 8, 2012. Theresa discussed the roles of various members and the information she provided to Council about which positions were open and what roles continuing Board members could fill.

Theresa talked about scheduling a Board retreat, which would include both current and new members. The Board talked about the goals of a retreat, the timing and length of a retreat, the need for a facilitator, and location. The Board would like to have a full day retreat on a Saturday with some facilitation. Theresa will solicit proposals for a facilitator. Tentative date: Saturday, April 28th. Theresa will bring back options and a proposed schedule to the March meeting.

Theresa provided an update on Council’s recent retreat and handed out the background notes and a summary of the retreat which included some goals for the CSAB over the next two years.

Theresa provided copies of the final 2011 budget and a status sheet for the 2012 budget that included programs that have been discussed for potential funding in the past, however, no specific projects have been funded in 2012 or any of the budget allocated.

Karen and Theresa discussed the status of the revised city website and how sustainability information is presented and where it can be found. Karen had concerns with how the website was organized and that some information is buried and difficult to find. She challenged board members to go to the website and try and find information about sustainability and report back to Theresa.

Economic development – Karen provided feedback to Mark Heller at GURA on the Buy Local program and the potential for the Board to meet with that group. The Board is interested in coordinating with this group and discussed opportunities.

Hillary participated in a presentation by Michael Shuman last night and provided an update on a new food initiative called the 25% shift, which includes shifting 25% of food production (all facets) locally. She is again re-energized at the value Michael Shuman could bring to Golden. His work with Boulder and Denver could open up an opportunity for Golden to take advantage of his being in Colorado.

RETAC update – First meeting looked at large scale renewable including solar and wind and the potential opportunities of aggregating PPAs with Jefferson County or CSM. Next two meetings have been scheduled and the next meeting will focus on biofuels and geothermal.

Theresa proposed a joint meeting with the Planning Commission and the City Building Official on the 2012 building codes.

Commercial CFL program – downtown merchants have requested collection and disposal updates for CFL.

RTD update: pedestrian bridge over Hwy 93 construction will begin in fall 2012 and be complete in spring 2013. The circulator bus has received funding and RTD will operate the bus. There will be two
buses when the light rail opens and three in 2014. Routes have been developed and will have a loop and call-in or on-demand route to check points.

**BOARD:**

Gunter provided input on the modifications to the energy efficiency brochure for homes. He is concerned that the addition of a chapter on how to do improvements to historical homes only delays the publication of a document that has languished for an unreasonable amount of time. He would have preferred that the document move forward and allow the HPB add information to a future version. Theresa discussed the status of completing the document and getting it published on the web and in print. The delay in this project being completed is an example of the types of delay that frustrates the Board. They would like this to move forward and not be further delayed by the addition of a new chapter if the rest of the document is ready to go.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

A. Criteria for 2012 Sustainability Awards

Theresa provided potential criteria that could be used to award the annual sustainability award (attached). The Board liked the criteria but wanted to change some of the language to encourage people to nominate friends and neighbors.

B. Sustainability City Events

Theresa provided some criteria for the Board to consider that could be applied to public events. The criteria are focused on solid waste diversion, use of water stations, and use of bicycle corrals. The criteria are based on the size of the event with larger events needing to do more. There was some discussion of whether or not the criteria were aggressive enough and would be meaningful. The Board decided to require the additional requirement of volunteers to staff waste stations, banning water bottles, including composting, and promoting control of wastes upfront in the products that vendors sell. The Board recommended that these additional requirements be phased over a defined period – say two years.

C. LEED Update PW Remodel

Rescheduled for March.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

*Agenda topics for next meeting – March 28*

- Ecosystem Health
- Environmental Film Festival Update
- LEED Update
- Budget review
ADJOURN:

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.