CITY OF GOLDEN
COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2015

PRESENT:  Kurt Bendl
Jim Dale
Jeff Oxenford
Whitney Painter
Maya Silver
Karen Smith

ABSENT:  Phillip Saieg

STAFF:  Theresa Worsham, Sustainability Coordinator

1. CALL TO ORDER – BUSINESS MEETING:
   Kurt called the business meeting to order at 6:34.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
   With a motion from Karen and a second by Whitney, the agenda was unanimously approved.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JANUARY 28, 2015:
   With a motion from Jim and a second by Karen the minutes were unanimously approved.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT:
   None

5. STAFF AND BOARD UPDATES
   BOARD:  Jim described the activities of a recent Affordable Housing Task Force meeting.

   Karen and Maya shared the outcomes of the initial Bike Share/Bike Library group meeting, which included representatives from CSM, Planning Commission, the Board and Leadership Golden. Karen would like to see the use of bike helmets emphasized. Staff should apply the triple bottom line analysis to the outcomes. Next steps will be
to hold two focus groups, one for general bike users and the second for CSM students. Recommendations as a result of this effort are anticipated in April.

The Board discussed its joint meeting with City Council that was held on February 5th. Several principles surrounding Golden’s water conservation efforts were identified and planned for inclusion in this year’s outreach efforts associated with the rollout of the new automated meter readers at every Golden home.

Jeff announced his resignation from the Board due to a heavy load of current commitments. He will remain on the Board until a successor is appointed.

Board members thanked Jeff for his expertise. Whitney motioned and Karen seconded a motion for the Board to send a memo to Council requesting appointment of a new Board member with experience in water issues.

**STAFF:** Theresa updated the Board about progress concerning a solar community garden, and provided a cost estimate for the Board’s idea to plant 20 fruit trees. The Board considered the tree costs and decided to table the project until next year.

In consideration of potential new water fountain stations downtown, the Board suggested placing priorities in the following areas: Parfet park, Lions park, Astor House, along Clear Creek, the clock on the corner of 12th & Washington Ave, the Coors visitor lot, at the Light Rail station, at the Pocket Park near 1150 Washington, and at Beverly Heights Park.

6. **ACTION ITEMS:**

   **A. Downtown Recycling Proposal**

   Theresa updated the Board with a map of potential recycling locations for downtown and explained the process to issue a Request for Information (RFI) from waste haulers. The purpose of the RFI is to solicit industry ideas and potential pricing to streamline access to recycling services downtown. Staff anticipates having additional information by the April meeting.

   **B. Advanced Water Meter Efforts**

   Jeff offered his views on an educational strategy for the AMR rollout and discussed revising the city’s water conservation goals to focus on the outdoor irrigation season between May and September to address some of the physical limitations of the treatment plant in winter. The Board discussed bringing two important concerns to Council’s attention later in the year: balancing conservation with the fiscal responsibilities of the water utility fund; and acknowledging that Golden’s water rights strategy need to be discussed in terms of how it affects our efforts to achieve the water conservation goals in the long term.
For now, the Board suggested to hold a few community meetings during the rollout to show residents how to use the AquaHawk website and to promote “neighborhood champions” that can help spread the word about its use. This effort would also be good to reach out to the HOAs through our newly updated database.

C. Sustainability Code Amendments

The Board discussed some initial green building strategies for staff to research and present to the Board at a later meeting for consideration and recommendation to Planning Commission. The preliminary topics include how to mitigate impacts from outdoor natural gas burning appliances and the new ASHRAE code updates.

7. NEXT MEETING:

Agenda topics for next meeting on March 25, 2015
- Climate Resilience Plan Draft
- 2015 Sustainability Awards
- Education Strategies

April 22nd meeting agenda
- Sustainability Code Recommendations to Planning Commission

ADJOURN:
Meeting was adjourned at 8:47 pm.