1. CALL TO ORDER – BUSINESS MEETING:

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

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JANUARY 22, 2014:

With a motion by Jeff and a second by Whitney, the minutes were unanimously approved, as amended by Karen.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jim Dale – Will be leaving Planning Commission after 8 years and term limited and has applied for the Sustainability and Parks & Recreation Boards. He believes strongly with the sustainability effort that is going on and believes the impact by this Committee can be great. He also talked briefly on the International Building Codes Green Menu and feels that it would be important to have more conversations between Planning Commission and Sustainability Board and possibly share work plans. This Board felt it was a good idea to meet them at a Study Session and Theresa can organize that. Theresa said you can certainly meet as a full group but she could also arrange for sub-groups to meet. There
was a discussion on waiving permit fees for solar and the pros and cons. We did waive the fees for one year in 2008 and used funds from this budget to cover those costs. This is a great topic to revisit on a future agenda – Theresa will bring back information about quantifying costs and comments from when we did this in 2008.

5. STAFF AND BOARD UPDATES

BOARD:

Jeff had a water meter question - he saw a backflow occurrence, but the meters don’t go below 0. He’d like to see, if there is a true back flow event, what that was and report that number. Theresa will look to see if there are others in Jeff’s neighborhood and see if they have the same type of data.

Whitney thanked everyone for coming to the recent Council meeting to support the net-metering Resolution. Whitney also shared that when Council passed the Resolution, it did make a statement and Golden is the talk of the solar community.

STAFF:

Because of the recent Resolution signed by Council, we seem to be getting some new interest from Xcel to fix some communication between them and Golden.

Solar projects – 2 are getting revised slightly and problems with placement are being remedied. The solar system for the parking garage is being scraped and we will pursue a different location that will work just as well. We will ask Xcel for an extension in order to get this location built.

Theresa shared that we brought cupcakes to celebrate the 6 years given to this Board by Karen and Chuck. They are two of the original members and she hopes that they plan on re-applying.

6. ACTION ITEMS:

A. Current Project Review

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

- Farmer’s Market
  We have a tent and we have re-useable bags to give-away. Other ideas for giveaways are spray nozzles for garden hoses and we will also have refillable water bottles. We will discuss this topic at the next meeting when Kurt is available.

- A Greener Golden - Garden in a Box
The event is May 10 and you will start to see information in the Informer and the City website. Each year we try to make it a bigger and better event and this year will also have a 5K to support backflow prevention. Theresa gave some other highlights of the event.

- **Earth Day events**
  Like to do events for a full week including tours of a MERF, sustainability awards (hope to have applications by next month).

- **The City recently hosted about 100 kids from Fairmount School and spoke to them about Sustainability – would like to see us doing this for the Golden schools as well.**

- **Ride the Rockies - June 13.** They will triple our stock of bike racks along with fully funding zero-hero.

- **Golden Earth Days solar tours - Whitney and Theresa were both approached recently by the group asking if they could possibly help staff our Farmers market to get their name and the word out about the solar tours? After discussion, the Board did not think it was in the best interest to share a space at the Farmer’s Market. We could however, have brochures available about the event. Theresa will add a paragraph to the Sustainability page about the funding policy of this Board.**

**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.

March 13 – City Council meeting to discuss the Work Plan and recommended changes to the goals.

Changes / Comments:

**Education and Communication:**
- Make a reference to the last paragraph about climate adaptation strategy (ask Council to appoint a volunteer task force) Theresa will formulate a Resolution formulating the task force – if Council is interested.
- Continued support for Greener Golden, Earth Day events, etc.

**Economic Health:**
- Last bullet - Reward could mean promotion or award of recognition.
Energy:
- Consider a program to waive solar permit fees.
- Continue to help the City with installation of solar power for the community.
- Engaging the business community – industrial sector energy use.

Alternative Transportation:
- 2nd bullet – identify gaps – make clearer.
- Electric charging stations update – install by this spring.

Water:
- Bullet 1 - How will the Board interface with the roll-out of the AMI infrastructure and coordinate our efforts.

7. NEXT MEETING:

Agenda topic for March 26, 2014 meeting (Jeff will be absent)
- Retreat – possible dates in June (Wait to do Board elections until full Board)
- Farmer’s Market Calendar of Events

ADJOURN:
Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.