PRESENT: Chuck Baroch
Kurt Bendl
Whitney Painter
Philip Saieg
Karen Smith

STAFF: Theresa Worham, Sustainability Coordinator
Denise Hish, Administrative Assistant

ABSENT: Jeff Oxenford

GUEST: Jim Dale
Mike Dirks

1. CALL TO ORDER – BUSINESS MEETING:

Phillip called the business meeting to order at 6:35.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

With a motion from Whitney and a second by Jeff, the agenda was unanimously approved.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 26, 2014:

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

4. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mike Dirks - Grew up in Denver and is interested in Sustainability and has some interesting thoughts and ideas about sustainability. He presently lives across from the Jefferson County Fairgrounds and shared that that he would be interested in seeing a water conservation pilot project there – gave some ideas for the area of the Jefferson County Fairgrounds.
5. STAFF AND BOARD UPDATES

BOARD:
Chuck announced that his home is on the market and he and his wife are moving out of state to be closer to family and therefore will not be reapplying to this Board.

STAFF:
Most of the solar projects are done – The parking garage solar project did not go forward, but was moved to the Community Center.

Board interviews are set for April 3 but Theresa will speak with City Clerk and see if there are alternative dates for those not able to attend.

6. ACTION ITEMS:

A. 2014 Golden Sustainability Awards
The Board reviewed this year’s nominees and made a recommendation to City Council for the final award presentation on April 24.

4 award categories:
Business: After discussion, it was unanimous that this Board did not support the Rocky Mountain Reagents nomination for various reasons.

Community Group: No nominees at this point.

Individual: Chuck Baroch – All were in favor of his nomination for his contribution to the sustainability effort and sitting on this Board for the last 6 years.

Student: No nominees at this point.

Chuck felt that the message is not getting out if we aren’t getting nominations for the awards. We really need to do a little more marketing – do people know about this award? Theresa said we may want to provide some assistance to businesses to quantify what they are doing; encourage them to get involved with the ELP (Environmental Leadership Program). Some ideas for nominations - Gunslinger and Earth Treks added on to their existing buildings, Shelia Townsend for organizing the Golden Earth Days, Grant Sustainable Builders. Theresa suggested we put together a package showing what they would get if they received this award (banner, award, recognition in the Informer and on Website). Chuck suggested introducing them at a Chamber function if they were awarded. This will give other businesses a chance to see who is winning this award and why. Awards will be given at the April 24 City Council meeting. Jim suggested the possibility of maybe introducing them at the Chamber State of the City.
B. Current Project Review
Staff provided information on the following current projects for Board discussion.

- Farmer’s Markets
  - Hand outs – Water saving garden hose sprayer, bags, etc.
  - 18 Saturday’s (can review goal topic 3 times each).
  - 2 volunteers at each – 1 Board Member / Theresa / Volunteer
  - Everyone will send Theresa dates that will NOT work, along with the topics you want to participate in and she will put together a schedule.
  - Suggestion to invite someone that has impact on the weekly topics – look at some non-profits – VMT day have some electric vehicles available at the market to see. Get Aqua Hawk to participate on water conservation date. Get an electric bike vendor to participate. Other ideas, send an email to Theresa.

- April 22 – Earth Day
  - Mitchell Elementary – Art show at the library
  - Clean up of Illinois Street (between 19th and 24th). Will send a notice to neighborhood to see if they want to also participate - 5pm – Will be advertised in Informer.

- Downtown Recycling – Whitney asked if there is anything that can be done to move this along. Theresa replied that unfortunately, the pilot project did not go forward, but she is still working on trying to get this going. Denver is moving away from dumpsters in their allies and going more toward the cans.

- Low waste/zero waste events – Theresa is working with Karlyn to get that in the Special event packets.

- Charging stations – getting quotes now on costs and then will pick a vendor.

- Ribbon cutting for City solar installations – planning four of them and Theresa will send dates and locations.

7. NEXT MEETING:

April 23
- Progress Report Review (draft)
- Downtown recycling survey (draft)
- Industrial Outreach Program
- Finalize Farmer’s Market schedule

ADJOURN:
Meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.