PRESENT: Chuck Baroch  
      Kurt Bendl  
      Hillary Mizia  
      Whitney Painter  
      Phillip Saieg  
      Karen Smith  

ABSENT: Jeff Oxenford  

STAFF: Denise Hish, Administrative Assistant  
      Anne Beierle, Deputy Director Env/Utilities  
      Theresa Worsham, Sustainability Coordinator  

CALL TO ORDER – BUSINESS MEETING:  
Karen called the business meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.  

INTRODUCTIONS:  
The meeting was started by everyone introducing themselves and giving some background.  

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:  
With a motion from Chuck and a second from Kurt, the minutes were approved.  

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JANUARY 25, 2012:  
With a motion from Whitney and a second by Hillary, the minutes were approved as written.  

PUBLIC COMMENT:  
None
STAFF AND BOARD UPDATES:

STAFF:

Details on the Retreat:
April 28th from 9am to 3pm, American Mountaineering Center – Conference Room D. Theresa has received 3 proposals from facilitators for the Retreat and will be contacting one of them this week.

Theresa discussed the many upcoming meetings in April and May and asked if the Board felt the May 23rd meeting should be cancelled - after discussion, Karen proposed it be cancelled and the Board was in agreement. Karen stated she would not be available for the April 25 meeting, but Hillary will Chair in her place. Theresa would also like to possibly schedule a joint meeting with RETAC. Whitney asked if RETAC could have a draft report to CSAB by the April 28 Retreat date so it could be discussed.

10 anemometers were ordered and the City has identified areas to place them (north, south and east part of town). After placing them for a year, they will be moved to collect more data.

A resident of Golden has done a study, on his own, to change out street lights to LED’s and this citizen feels it may now be cost effective and would like CSAB to meet with him. Theresa shared that she has met with him several times but since Xcel owns the poles and does the maintenance and are not willing to make changes, but are happy to let the City pay for any changes, the Board felt he should possibly meet with Dan Hartman and Theresa, but it may be premature to meet with CSAB.

Sustainability Awards:
Theresa has only received 1 nomination to-date and hopes to get more. Awards will be presented at the April 26 Council meeting.

BOARD:

Karen recently met with our new Mayor and she is very supportive of what this Board is doing, as are other Council members.

Hillary – How can we get Golden businesses to participate in the Environmental Leadership Program? She will get more information and proceed to set up a meeting with the State.

Hillary - Golden Field School – Gave a quick background for the new members and updated the Board that it has repurposed into a high school effort and they are moving forward. She feels that at some point, we will be hearing from that Board for support in some fashion.
ACTION ITEMS:

A. Ecosystem Health Strategy

After review of final edits to a proposal to define the City’s sustainability goal regarding ecosystem health, the Board decided whether to forward the proposal to City Council for approval.

The draft contains 5 sub-parts:
- Habitat/Species Assessments and Management
- Water Quality Monitoring
- Regulatory Tools
- Waterway Maintenance Programs
- Evaluation and Future Efforts

Chuck had suggested in a previous meeting to add a map of the waterways, along with a section about the Ecosystem Health Education, which has been added. Another suggestion was to add a section on future efforts, along with a section on what has been working and that will be added to the report.

Hillary suggested reaching out to CAEE to find volunteer opportunities for children to be involved with future efforts and potential projects; it would be a great education piece.

Theresa will be meeting with the City Lab to finalize the drinking water program section.

Theresa will add the changes discussed tonight and draft a memo to Council, but will forward to this Board prior to finalizing.

B. Update on City LEED certification

Theresa provided details on progress made toward achieving the United States Green Building Council’s LEED Silver certification for the Public Works building remodel project.

Theresa asked that the Board to consider funding some or all of the items that contribute to the building’s LEED requirements and pointed out the 6 items needed, but striking the #2 LED lighting for external wall packs. Theresa shared that she thinks the $3,875 quoted for the LED packs is too expensive. Whitney asked if a long-term cost analysis had been done because she didn’t feel it was fiscally responsible, if not. Phillip felt that spending $8,000 for an $800,000 LEED project is a small price to pay. Hillary shared that she felt that CSAB is a community Board and doesn’t think we should be paying for City projects.

Theresa understood how the Board felt about spending part of their budget money on this project, but she wanted the Board to know that this is the first time the City has done a project like this and it’s a real change in culture and it has been a real learning curve. Chuck stated that he felt that if this Board wants to do something that we don’t have the budget for; we should go to Council and ask for it.
The Board was unanimous in the decision to not use their budget for this project, but felt it was important to emphasize to Council that these items should be done and paid for by the City. CSAB also stated they were interested in the lessons learned and the long-term cost analysis from this project.

C. 2012 Work Plan

The Board reviewed a proposed memo to City Council outlining specific projects that the Board will work on for the next one to two years.

Theresa stated that 2 of these work plans have been given to Council to date and this document will be discussed and finalized at the Retreat.

The Board discussed their goals and specifically had a discussion of the extent to which CSAB can plan, organize and sponsor public educational initiatives? Theresa stated that in future meetings, they are going to see several proposals and they each have an education piece.

Karen asked about an earlier discussion about hiring an Intern and felt that should be added to this document.

Between now and the retreat, Karen asked that everyone read this report and plan to comment and discuss at the retreat.

D. IECC code adoption

Whitney wanted to give the new member, Phillip a heads up that Gerry George will be attending a CSAB meeting on 5/16/12 – We need to think about how to support Gerry in this culture and she felt that if we don’t adopt this code change, we are going to have a hard time reaching our energy goal. Phillip stated that the IECC is a real challenge to get people on board with the changes and costs associated and you will more than likely get push-back from the community.

NEW BUSINESS:

Agenda topics for next meeting – April 25th
Budget requests (CEFF phase 2, Golden Earth Days Council, Mitchell School Garden, LED light program)

ADJOURN:

Meeting was adjourned at 8:55.