CALL TO ORDER – BUSINESS MEETING:

Hillary Mizia called the business meeting to order at 6:35.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

With a motion by Chuck and a second by Whitney, the agenda was approved as written.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MARCH 28, 2012:

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

INTRODUCTIONS TO NEW MEMBER:

Each member introduced themselves to new member, Jeff Oxenford.

STAFF UPDATE:

- Earth Days – Theresa will be 2 hours at Whole Foods and did a program at the Astor house
- Sustainability Awards at Council tomorrow night,
- MRF Evergreen tour with CBAC last week – they do hard to recycle items,
- RETAC – last meeting this coming Monday and will talk about transportation renewable fuels and then hope to get a report – Tentatively scheduled the meeting with Council for May 17. This Board also has a meeting with Council to discuss your
work plan. Theresa will send work plan electronically when finalized to members of this Board.

BOARD UPDATES:

Hillary – Asked the other Board members if they had done their interviews in preparation of the Retreat on Saturday? If not, do so. Theresa could also give you names of others that you could interview.

Phillip – Has anything transpired about our denying the budget request for the City building? Theresa responded that Dan went to Council and asked them for additional funds and Council is asking more questions and have not yet approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ACTION ITEMS:

A. Budget Review

The Board reviewed several funding requests within the context of its 2012 sustainability program funds. Projects to be considered include funding for a Solar Home tour, a sustainability lecture series, LED program for businesses, community garden at Mitchell Elementary School and funds for sustainability efforts for the Stage 6 of the USA Pro Cycling Challenge.

Jeff asked Theresa to give him an update on the Budget – Theresa stated we have approximately $40,000 to spend for 2012. The Board decided to discuss each request separately and then decide whether to fund or not fund after hearing all of the requests.

Golden Earth Days Council

Sheila Townsend, Patricia Foley Hinnen, Britt Hinnen, Dave High, Su High and Carol Blake were in attendance from the Golden Earth Days Council to discuss their budget request. They are requesting $12,000 to partner with Golden to help cover costs for 3 events: Earth Day Celebration (which has already been completed this year), Solar Home Tours and Sustainability Lecture Series. Jill gave a quick update on how the Golden Earth Days Council was formed and she added that they have a strong volunteer group that is very involved. The funding would be for a Guidebook and a full time staff that would spend time organizing the event and managing the volunteers. The amount requested would remain the same, even though one of the events is already over, to use for getting a jump on next year.

Chuck stated that CSM is planning a national sustainability symposium in 2013 but are not sure what it will entail, but Chuck will keep this Board notified. They may be more technical but are only in the planning stages now.
Philip asked if you have had a chance to look at the goals and mission of this Board and she said, yes and she felt this would fit because of the educational goals. Increasing our community awareness and to increase the amount from renewable both residential and City buildings.

Jeff asked about the staff they want to hire – Sheila stated that it’s a 501(c)3 non-profit with all volunteers, but are hoping to get 2 full time staff. Jeff asked what percentage of this request would be for staff vs. materials for the booklet. Shelia replied printing is expensive and would be the main cost of the program. Kurt asked if they had thought about instead of doing the expensive booklet, how about a website that would be a fraction of the cost? That could be a possibility, but most people attending the tours wanted these books in their hands.

**Earth Energy Solutions – Commercial Lighting Pilot – Donna Houck**

Donna gave a quick overview of her proposal; the company is in Golden and they are actively working with businesses in Golden and Denver regarding LED lighting upgrades. Theresa asked Donna to put this proposal together because she has recently worked with Golden Storage and Hogback Washing; both owners have been working with Donna and they have replaced their lights – inside and out. Theresa said it would be a 6-month pilot project to see what the results were. Kurt would like to see what businesses and who would be interested before jumping in. Theresa said a mailing could go out to all Golden businesses to see who would be interested – target market would be small to medium size businesses. This would also be a way to get businesses interested and go off on their own to replace at their own cost, once seeing the cost savings. $10,000 would be for the initial 4 bulbs, initial consultation, follow-up visits, energy savings calculations, and monthly reporting and then if they want to move forward, it would be at their own cost. Theresa stated that we could change this to a library concept to have the 4 bulbs “checked out” and then be returned to the City if they don’t take action.

**Mitchell Community Garden - Leslie Altman**

Leslie gave a brief history of how the Mitchell Community Garden was started and stated that the Golden Community Garden has been a great mentor with the Mitchell Community Garden. She stated that it is in motion for approval with Jefferson County and they have had communication that since the scope of their project is a little larger than normal, it has to go to the District Superintendent for approval. They have already had a fundraiser and raised over $2,000 and have asked for a grant from Whole Foods but have not heard anything. Phillip asked Leslie which sustainability goal did she think this fits into? Leslie felt that it was definitely the education component; teaching kids about sustainability and where food comes from; approximately 600 students at Mitchell (K-6) would be involved. Dave High, City Forester, added that a tree planting project was done at Mitchell and it was extremely successful. This $6,000 that they are requesting would be a one-time donation for seed money to get the project moving forward. They also have plans for lots of in-kind donations and fundraisers to keep the garden going.
East Street Community Garden
Theresa gave an overview of the $250 donation request from Don Cameron to help with the East Street Community Garden. Phillip said he read the strategic plan but saw nothing about local food or community gardens. He understands that we all know it’s a huge part of sustainability but nowhere does it say. Theresa stated that when this Board originally funded the Community Garden, it was more a gathering place for education, VMT, etc. We also talked about how to get neighborhood gardens and this would be the way to do it. Is gardening in the goals or strategies? Theresa said it was more than likely in one of the working group reports but didn’t know why it didn’t make it to the goals or strategic plan to show it reduces VMT.

CSAB Facilitator – Theresa met with Amanda and talked about the goals of the Board for the Retreat. She felt that she needed more time, which would cost an additional $1,200. Hillary added that Amanda is internationally recognized and she is fabulous and she felt the Board would really benefit by spending a full day with her.

PAYT Ordinance Survey
$3,000 – Don Cameron is going to spearhead this and he has already designed a survey, but we will have the opportunity to tweak it. Theresa would like to solve the recycling problems of downtown businesses.

USA Pro Cycling Challenge – Theresa gave an overview of the $6,000 that was being requested but the discussion led to some feelings that there was not any educational value of this request. Theresa stated that the Board did give funds last year and we already have water stations, bike corrals and zero hero waste stations. Waste services and water bottles are the 2 things that Theresa feels this board should really consider from the request. The water bottles ($3,500) could have the sustainability logo and she felt this Board has wanted a water bottle ban on all events and this would be a great starting point.

Ecosystem Health Projects – Do a restoration project like cleaning Tucker Gulch and willow planting weekend. Look at setting aside $4,000 to $5,000.

Waterwise Gardening webinar series – Request of $1,110 to purchase this series, and post to our website – could be part of the lecture series. After discussion, none of the Board members were interested in funding this project.

Colorado Environmental Film Festival – no information was available at this meeting. Theresa reminded the Board that we had talked about a film series previously. She will attempt to get more information for the next meeting.

After discussing each item in detail, the Board agreed to the following:

Approved:
- Retreat Facilitator – Approved – $1,200 additional
- PAYT Ordinance – Approved - Reserve $3,000 for this project.
Maybe:
- Mitchell Garden – Hillary moved to give $3,000- Phillip once again stated he is all for gardens and is a big gardener but doesn’t see where it fits into the goals. Need to talk about formally making changes to add food to it.
- East Street Community Garden – Same reason as Mitchell Garden
- Commercial Lighting pilot – Need more information

No:
- Waterwise Gardening Webinar

B. International Energy Conservation Code Information

In advance of the Board’s upcoming joint meeting with Planning Commission on May 16th, materials will be provided regarding background information on the planned 2012 building code updates.

No information available at this meeting – Will be tabled to a future meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

ADJOURN:

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50.

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, May 30, City Hall Conference Room