CALL TO ORDER – BUSINESS MEETING:

Karen Smith 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 APRIL 25, 2012:

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

STAFF UPDATE:

Theresa recently met with the City Manager and he agreed to have Denise give Administrative support to Theresa. Denise has already been working with Clarissa on website updates, working on the Resource Guide and gathering data from Xcel for City building consumption. The new P/W building has been taking a lot of time and Whitney asked if there will be an open house for the community to see what the City was able to accomplish. Theresa said that will more than likely happen but probably not until July or August. The furniture will be installed in the next few weeks, the C.O. will be given in 3 or 4 weeks, and we are waiting on Xcel Energy; hope to be moved in by end of June. Also looking at down the road, hope to look at planting an orchard of fruit trees to use as an education piece and tie in with the community garden.
BOARD UPDATES:

_Hillary_ announced that she and her husband are considering a move out of Golden because of his job and wanted to let the Committee know that she may have to step down from CSAB sometime this summer.

_Whitney_ said there has been a new development with the Xcel Community Solar Gardens and wanted to share information with the Committee. On Friday the PUC gave the go-ahead for the solar gardens and now Xcel will be on a tight timeline; since nothing happened in 2011, they have allocated 12 mWh for 2012 and 6 Mw for 2013. Xcel has to officially publish and will send notifications out, but will be giving a very short timeframe to apply (probably 3 weeks). Some of the details are that there is a really high cost associated with making an application. A really big deposit and escrow of $100 per kWh – (for example: 500 kWh would be $100,000) would need to sit in escrow until the system is built. Whitney gave Jeff a brief description of what a solar garden is. After discussion, the Committee agreed that it may be advantageous to wait and see how 2012 goes with the program. Theresa said she felt we may want to go ahead and issue an RFP and get ahead of the 2013 timeline. Theresa will send a copy of the RFP to all CSAB members for comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

_Saoirse_ stated that she hopes that the website will be updated soon for Sustainability as she did find it very hard to navigate. She also added that she appreciated the recent CSAB meeting with Council and wanted to add that getting the community excited has benefits and indirectly leads to more resources. She would like to see a buzz in the community about sustainability.

ACTION ITEMS:

_A. RETAC Report_

_Karen_ thanked RETAC and said the report was very well written.

_Whitney_ – Gave an overview of the report. She stated that RETAC felt that a timeline is probably more important to consider than the actual goals. The executive summary is pretty representative of the findings, along with the last 3 pages; strategies and opportunities and she encouraged everyone to read it (several times).

_Philip_ also felt it was extremely well written and said he thought this is a key tool.

_Whitney_ – Even though it’s easy to get overwhelmed when reading this document, Golden is having conversations that other municipalities are not having yet.
Chuck – we don’t show a purpose in the front of the report – Whitney felt the introduction was intended for that but Chuck felt we need to add something to say why we are doing this; reduce the demand and economic well being.

Jeff – Would like to see more information of where some of the City consumption reductions are coming from. Another question he would like to see answered is why did the Community usage went up?

Chuck felt an article should be written as to how the municipal usage has decreased and how we have achieved it – possibly put in the Informer?

Karen – Why don’t we have the 2010 /2011 usage report? Theresa said we are asking for it, but to date have not received 2010 or 2011 and we aren’t really sure how accurate the data is that we have receive from Xcel. Theresa will continue to work on getting data.

Karen – Noted that most of the strategies are focused on municipal buildings. Felt there should be more stated to the fact in the executive summary.

Hillary – Wouldn’t it be cool if everyone was reporting their Xcel gas/electricity consumptions to the City so we wouldn’t have to rely on Xcel? Karen said she previously worked with a non-profit that people had voluntarily given their information to. Theresa said these are things that the whole industry has struggled with, and Boulder has even tried to build a volunteer database and now they are running into problems. Phillip said he completely agrees with Theresa and he has seen it successfully done some places in California, but not Colorado. There was a disclosure bill last year in the Legislature but it did not make it through.

Karen – Asked if RETAC was given a directive from Council to collaborate with Jefferson County and CSM? Theresa explained that about 3 years ago, the City signed an MOU with the DOE, NREL and CSM to collaborate on high level projects; technical jobs, emerging renewal businesses, etc.

Next steps – Finalize report and then it will go to Council.

B. Renewable Energy Sustainability Goals Review

As part of a mid-term goal review, the Board discussed the overall feasibility of the renewable energy goals and determined whether to recommend modifications to the goals to City Council.

Karen – Can we change the milestones? Will Council feel they can change the goals without talking to the community? Philip – Felt it may be more important to create milestones such as creating a transparency with Xcel; breaking down the city energy usage and how we are conserving because those would also be goals.
There was discussion about timelines and adding milestones. Theresa stated that some of the things that Council is going to have to look at and prioritize is reports from the Blue Ribbon Panel, the RETAC report, Clear Creek Corridor report and all of the Infrastructure needs and wants; Council needs to decide what is important.

There was discussion about asking McKinstry to help set milestones to achieve the goals.

Theresa will write a scope of work for McKinstry to see if they can help – Whitney will contact the various members of RETAC to see if they can also help set milestones. Theresa will also provide a staff memo to Council with the RETAC report stating what CSAB wants to do with setting milestones. She will also add something to have them collaborate with City Staff and possibly CSAB members. Theresa will ask McKinstry to come to the next meeting to talk this Committee.

Saoirse – Described the Mindmischer software that the City is going to implement. It’s an interactive tool that solicits input and can create conversations between the community and Council. Theresa added that there is a meeting next week on potential topics of discussion and she will update this Committee in June.

NEW BUSINESS:

Agenda Topics for June 27th meeting:

ADJOURN:

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40

NEXT MEETING:

June 27 – Philip agreed to Chair the meeting
Budget (funding requests) - Need to make decisions on the funding requests from April. Theresa will provide additional information at next meeting to better evaluate each proposal.

Transportation goal, since light rail is opening early
(Chuck, Karen and Jeff will all be absent for this meeting)

July 25
Meet with McKinstry