CITY OF GOLDEN
COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD
MONDAY, AUGUST 22, 2012

PRESENT: Chuck Baroch
Kurt Bendl
Hillary Mizia
Jeff Oxenford
Philip Saieg (via Skype)

ABSENT: Karen Smith
Whitney Painter

STAFF: Steve Glueck, Planning & Development Director
Theresa Worsham, Sustainability Coordinator
Denise Hish, Administrative Assistant

GUEST: Saoirse Charis-Graves

CALL TO ORDER – BUSINESS MEETING:

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

With a motion by Chuck and a second by Jeff, the agenda was approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JULY 25, 2012:

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

STAFF UPDATE:

USA Pro-cycling challenge – Still looking for volunteers for the waste stations – have 50 planned but need them staffed. Have 5 water stations planned and also need to have volunteers to distribute free water bottles at the sustainability booth at the Expo in Parfet Park; the expo will run on Saturday from 8am to 7pm.

Solar Garden Application opened last Wednesday and is now probably full. After trying really hard to put together a proposal, it just didn’t work. Theresa, Steve and Whitney have had a conversation about lessons learned and what we need to do for another potential round of Solar Garden applications and will work on trying to locate potential
sites for future proposals. Stay tuned. Kurt suggested having a conversation with NREL because they have several hundred acres up there that could be a viable location.

Website changes – Theresa pulled up the Sustainability pages of the City Website to show improvements that have been done and discussed changes/updates to be looking for in the near future. Jeff asked if individual pages can be tracked – do we know who is looking here? There was also discussion of using Golden Vision website to pose questions, do instant polls or an opinion poll. Suggestions for questions:

- What does sustainability mean to you?
- How do you live green?

BOARD UPDATES:

Hillary confirmed that her family is officially moving to Ft. Collins and she is resigning from the Sustainability Board. She hopes to attend the September meeting but is not sure about timing. Theresa will discuss with the City Clerk how to start the process of filling this seat on the Board. One question that she will discuss is do we seek new applicants or can Council pick one from the pool of applications from the last time we needed to fill a vacancy?

Phillip recently changed jobs and now works for McKinstry, in Golden.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ACTION ITEMS:

A. Appointment of Board Co-Chair

Karen asked to have a formal Co-Chair appointed to facilitate when she is out of town.

Kurt nominated Phillip as Co-Chair and that was seconded by Jeff. Phillip accepted and the Board unanimously approved the nomination.

B. Economic Health Goal Review

The Board reviewed the sustainability economic health goals in context with other economic development activities within the city in preparation for a joint meeting with the Economic Development Commission on September 26.

Steve discussed the memo that he wrote to this Board regarding Economic Vitality and Health for Golden – Community Discussion. He said it would help him if this Board would talk to him about what we need/want and then as an aside…how do we measure the Sustainability job growth.
Hillary stated that she would like to see us move away from focusing on energy efficiency and renewable energy regarding this goal. The goal also doesn’t focus on growing what we have and the strength in our community. Hillary said she feels that a discussion would need to be very well facilitated and discuss - What is working, how can we do more of it, how can we move forward?

Steve – Guided everyone to look at page 4 (bullets) of his memo from the packet that shows the economic vitality for Golden characterized by the Vision 2030 and Economic Theresa and Steve will bring groups together to have this conversation to define. Adding more at the top of the bucket and plugging leaks on the bottom (bucket).

Jeff - Help existing businesses and trying to be a green jobs community – already doing some of these things. Hillary - Some of these strategies in this piece is really part of the energy goal and Phillip agreed.

Jefferson County Business Resource Center – Steve explained their role in economic health of businesses in Jefferson County www.jeffcobrc.org . All services and information are free or offered at a reduced rate for any resident of or business within Jefferson County.

Theresa - Have all the groups come together and have an appreciative inquiry. Whitney wanted to not forget that local food should be in this discussion also. Jeff would like to have mapped, what activities have gone on or been done and map them back to each goal. Have this on the website? We could find gaps once we know what we’ve done and where we need to continue. Hillary stated she would love to see Michael Schuman speak to the gap analysis. Steve – What is local; Golden, Jefferson County, both zip codes?

After all of the discussions it was agreed that there is no need to have a meeting with EDComm next month but have a larger group meeting sometime in October. At the September Board meeting, there will be a discussion about where CSAB sees Economic Health (talking points). Plan for a summit; what can be accomplished and possible scope of work for a facilitator. Look at the existing goal, what are others doing and look again at the original working group information.

C. Renewable Energy Milestones Project

The Board discussed a scope of work for McKinstry, Inc., the City’s energy performance contractor, to create appropriate milestones toward achieving the City’s renewable goals and to conduct a second energy efficiency audit.

Phillip – ReTac report gave recommendations for the next steps. In reviewing that goal, McKinstry started developing a scope of work and getting evaluation feasibility strategies, and a funding analysis for a roadmap to do some of these installations. McKinstry is now updating the 2009 study with 2012 information. Theresa said there is
possible funding from other sources (grants from Federal/State) that they will be taking a look at. Theresa will send the proposal to the Board after she gets it next week.

ADJOURN:

Meeting was adjourned at 8:32.

NEXT MEETING:

September 26
Economic Health Goal
Green Building Goal Review

October 24
Water Goal Review
Education / Communication Discussion
Pay As You Throw Ordinance