CALL TO ORDER – BUSINESS MEETING:

Philip called the business meeting to order at 6:30.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

With a motion from Jim and a second by Maya, the agenda was unanimously approved with one change.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JULY 16, 2014:

With a motion by Jeff and a second by Kurt, the minutes were unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

STAFF AND BOARD UPDATES

BOARD:

Philip got married recently. Congratulations!
STAFF:

The City is participating in some PUC hearings and we are now part of a pilot project for a GIS system with Xcel and are sharing some of our information with them on how we use it. There will be a formal report each June or July which is anticipated to be more useful than previous versions of the annual report from Xcel.

Philip asked for an update on solar net metering – Whitney reported that the PUC is in a workshop process right now and the next meeting is in October – probably won’t see anything until 2015. Besides Golden submitting testimony; Boulder and some City Councilors from other jurisdictions testified as individuals.

The Big Belly recycling containers are presently installed on Washington Avenue in front of the yogurt shop. Unfortunately, the containers that they use are not recyclable; they are coated cardboard. A conversation with the owner was not encouraging because he stated that the ones that were recyclable were cost prohibitive, plus using just cardboard for yogurt does not work; not wanting to single out this business, there are others downtown that also probably do not use recyclable containers. There was then a discussion about how this board could entice not only that business, but all businesses downtown to use recyclable containers. Then that discussion led to another about trash pickup and recycling downtown. Theresa suggested a daily service for downtown – right now it is all over the place, some daily, some 2 or 3 times a week, depending on the needs of individual businesses. Should we think of doing a presentation to Downtown Merchants, City Council and the DDA – offer to set up a structure of pickup with 1 provider as a start-up; maybe contribute to the lease or purchase of carts, maybe subsidize recycling products (giving businesses a chance to see that recycling really does matter to their customers). Jim offered that we need for this to make good business sense – If we can cut their costs and publicize that they are participating, they would see the value.

6. ACTION ITEMS:

A. Retreat Review and Discussion:

The Board discussed the priorities defined at previous Board retreat and finalized a list of policy and projects for an update to the Sustainability Strategic Plan.

Discussed the 3 priorities that were not discussed at the July meeting:

Energy - Whitney

- Once we start getting information from Xcel – we should discuss and decide what we should share, and should we add it to Communication / Education.
- After discussion, promote home energy meters as a priority was deleted.
- We need to keep as a priority – add continued support for renewable energy projects.
Economic Health - Jim
Jim suggested that Ed Dorsey attend the next CSAB to discuss the GURA to DDA transition. Also invite City Staff – Steve Glueck and Aleah Menefee.

Green Building - Phillip
LEED certification for PW building is still on the priority list because we have not finished the application to obtain the certification – it’s a very big project and additional help will be needed to get the paperwork filed – possibly use some of our budget to hire a part-time employee or possibly use an intern.

Provide expert advice to homeowners improve energy efficiency/renewable – Update by addition of the word “homeowners”.

Develop a checklist/evaluation for all CSAB projects using a triple bottom line analysis. Talk about what “triple bottom line” really means in an upcoming meeting.

Jeff stated that he feels we have many high priority items – at next meeting, can we get a list of all the high priorities and get focused on getting these done. Theresa reminded the Board that the Work Plan is for 1 to 2 years – the Strategic Plan is for up to 5 years - Next month, Theresa will present the Board with a draft of the Strategic Plan for review.

B. Pay As You Throw Ordinance Discussion
As part of its 2014 Work Plan, the Board reviewed language for a proposed city-wide PAYT ordinance and will now forward a recommendation to City Council for review.

5 years ago:
HOA’s were exempt – can opt in but you don’t have to. This ordinance is meant to close that loophole. With this ordinance you have to offer volume based hauling.

Discussion:
- This is modeled after the Ft. Collins Ordinance.
- Jim asked Theresa to ask the City Attorney to see if we can add wording to the fact that we can’t license a hauler unless they give us a report of volumes.
- September 11 – CSAB will give City Council a preliminary draft for discussion. Please attend if you can.
- Policy issue – timing of all of this – do we have to give notification to HOA’s and if so, what is the notification timing.
- Reasons - Pay as you Throw worked really well – We only have one landfill and this will increase the life – seen great savings because people have less waste and more recycle (Volume based pricing) – People who didn’t typically recycle are now recycling very successfully – Put in a program to ensure they violators are notified and enforced.
Jim made a motion and Whitney seconded it to put forth our comments to Council as stated above in the last bullet.

If you are available – please attend the September 11 Council meeting as a CSAB member to support the Ordinance – Theresa will email draft ordinance and draft memo with bullet points by Tuesday before the meeting.

C. Current Project Review
The Board reviewed several current projects underway, including efforts at the Farmer’s Markets, summer events and energy projects.

Farmer’s Market Volunteers to run the CSAB booth.
8/30 – Kurt
9/6 – Philip
9/13 – Jim
9/20 – Kurt
9/27 – Jeff or Karen (maybe)
10/4 – Maya (maybe)

Calendar:
Combine November/December meeting to December 3 – Get a room

2014 Budget allocations:
- Get the P/W LEED certification consultant ($5,000)
- Yard waste sponsorship ($2,000)
- Solar project signage ($3,000)
- Ribbon cuttings for EV stations ($300)
- CSAB - Brochures (magnet?) signage for Farmers Market ($2,500)
- Grad Student for Water Conservation Metrics ($10,000)
- Downtown recycling pilot support ($4,000)

Jim would offered that we should try to get sustainability attached somehow to the Pride Days is May next year.

7. NEXT MEETING:
September 24, 2014
- Chair / Vice Chair elections
- Draft Strategic Plan Update
- GURA to DDA Transition
- TBL (Triple Bottom Line) discussion
ADJOURN:
Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.