1. Roll Call & Sustainability Pledge

   *The mission of the Community Sustainability Advisory Board is to assist the City of Golden in achieving its ten-year sustainability goals as adopted in Resolution 1793. In order to facilitate achievement of these goals, the Board will lead, encourage, enable, and empower the citizens, visitors, and people who work in Golden, to live in a sustainable manner.*

2. Approval of the Agenda

3. Approval of the Minutes from March 28, 2012

4. Public Comment

5. Staff and Board Updates

6. Action Items

   A. Budget Review

   The Board will review 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, a community garden at Mitchell Elementary School and funds for sustainability efforts for the Stage 6 of the USA Pro Cycling Challenge.

   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.

7. New Business

   A. Agenda topics for next meeting June 27th

8. Adjourn
CITY OF GOLDEN
COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28, 2012

DRAFT

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.
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Future meeting topics:
- Municipal fleet vehicle fuel.
- Traffic reduction strategies for Washington Avenue (Gunter)
- CSM joint meeting with CSAB
- Housing Study
- Green home marketing/MLS listings
- Commercial Sector Outreach
As you know, the Community Sustainability Advisory Board is scheduled for a team retreat on Saturday, April 28, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., at the American Mountaineering Center, Conference Room D. This session will build interpersonal and tactical alignment between ongoing and incoming members of the Board. We hope the retreat will also build agreement within the Board on approaches and infrastructure that will result in efficient, effective and satisfying collaborations over the coming months and years.

Pre-Work

Our consultant for this retreat, Amanda Trosten-Bloom, strongly suggests that retreat participants prepare for the gathering by conducting at least two 45- to 60-minute interviews with local citizens and influence leaders from outside the Community Sustainability Advisory Board. These interviews will stretch your thinking, broaden your perspective, and strengthen community awareness of and commitment to the important work you are doing. If you have the time and inclination to do so, feel free to conduct additional interviews.

Though you probably know several people who would cherish the opportunity to be involved in this way, we strongly recommend that you meet with people whose perspectives, interests and life experiences are as different as possible from your own. This will increase the Board’s collective capacity, and make your time together even more effective. Following are a few ways you might go about identifying “interviewees.”

- Contact me if you would like names and contact information for people who have previously expressed interest in this work.
- Contact another member of the Board – again whose perspective is quite different from your own – and ask for a couple of referrals
- Send names and contact information to me of people you recommend be interviewed, and I will share them with Board members who are seeking partners.
- Feel free to make a “cold call” to someone who meets the criteria outlined above.

When you ask them to participate, be sure to emphasize how much you appreciate their interest, and the importance of the work they are contributing to.

The Interview Questions

The attached interview questions invite people to describe their experience of sustainability measures we have taken over the past several years. They also explore effective systems, programs and services they know about from other settings, along with their hopes and dreams for the future of sustainability here in Golden.
Many times we ask about things that aren’t working well – problems – so that we can fix them. In this process, you are asked to focus on opportunity, and collect experiences and stories of sustainability at its best. These stories will teach us about strengths and successes, so that we can use those strengths to create more success in the future. At the same time, we will be making connections with local colleagues and neighbors who are interested in and committed to the work we are doing – who are potential board partners in the future.

Questions?

Once again, please contact me to obtain or share the name of an interview partner. Please contact Amanda if you have questions or comments about the preparatory process, or about the retreat itself. Both Amanda and I look forward to seeing you on April 28.

Warmly,

Theresa Worsham
Sustainability Advisory Board
Retreat Pre-Interview

Getting to Know You.

I’d like to begin by learning a bit about you and your relationship with Golden.

1. How long have you lived or worked here? Where, or in what capacity?

2. What is it you most love about this community?

Golden’s Sustainable Future

3. Beginning in 2007, the Golden City Council adopted sustainability as a top priority for our community. Since that time, a Community Sustainability Advisory Board – of which I am a part – has been working to identify a series of policies and projects consistent with this working definition of sustainability (interviewer: read this definition aloud):

   Living or acting in a manner that balances improving our quality of life, a healthy vibrant community, and mindful stewardship of the natural resources and environment while protecting the ability of future generations to do the same.

• What are the most positive changes you’ve observed or experienced in Golden, over the past several years? In particular, I’m interested in hearing about changes that are consistent with the vision of sustainability I’ve just shared with you.

• How have these changes enhanced the quality of your life, and the life of other residents, merchants and stakeholders (e.g., those who commute here to work, businesses, visitors, etc.)
• How will these changes protect the ability of future generations of Golden residents to enjoy a similarly positive quality of life and a healthy, vibrant community, in a manner that respects and stewards our natural resources and environment?

Positive Opportunities

We live today in a world of increasingly challenged resources. Organizations, communities, and nations are actively contemplating and implementing new and creative ways of meeting the needs of stakeholders and citizens, while conserving limited resources and harnessing new ones.

4. What are the three most creative, most innovative examples of projects, programs or systems that – if adopted here in Golden – could radically enhance our capacity to fulfill our sustainability vision?

5. If Golden were to adopt just one of these, which one would you most wholeheartedly recommend or support? Why?

Imagine ...

6. Five years have passed. It is now April 2017. The Community Sustainability Advisory Board, Golden City Council and The Golden Transcript are together preparing a special edition of the community newspaper. Dubbed *A Future Worth Celebrating: 10 Years of Sustainable Growth in Golden*, it outlines the many triumphs achieved since Golden first committed to sustainability in 2007.

• *Tell me about them.* Focus particularly on the initiatives that were hardest won ... those that were most challenging to implement – but that, in the end, made the biggest difference.

• Who was involved in bringing these to life? How?
In particular, how did the *Community Sustainability Advisory Board* and Council impart their shared vision to other organizations and business, citizens and stakeholders? How did they build widespread support and commitment to adopting new values, practices and habits?
Recognized around the world as an expert in sustainable practices for companies and communities, Hunter Lovins will address League members and the public. There will be an opportunity for the audience to ask questions.


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