AGENDA
COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD
CITY OF GOLDEN, COLORADO

Regular Meeting
October 22, 2014
6:30 PM

City Hall Council Chambers Room
911 10th Street

1. Roll Call & Sustainability Pledge

The mission of the Community Sustainability Advisory Board is to assist the City of Golden in defining and achieving its sustainability goals and to empower the community to live in a way that assures a high quality of life for current and future generations.

2. Approval of the Agenda

3. Approval of the Minutes from September 24, 2014

4. Public Comment

5. Staff and Board Updates

6. Action Items

   A. 2015 Sustainability Strategic Plan Update 6:45 – 7:30 pm
      The Board will review a draft of the updated 2010 Sustainability Strategic Plan and make final edits before adoption.

   B. Summer Program Evaluation 7:30 – 8:00 pm
      Following the sustainability program outreach at this summer’s Farmer’s Markets, the Board will evaluate the program’s effectiveness and discuss potential actions for 2015.

   C. Proposed Amendments to the Green Building Standards 8:00 – 8:30 pm
      The Board will discuss proposed changes to the commercial “Green Menu” building standards and provide input to Planning Commission and City Council.

7. New Business

   A. Agenda topics for next meeting December 3, 2014 8:30 – 8:45 pm

8. Adjourn

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1. **CALL TO ORDER – BUSINESS MEETING:**

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

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

With a motion from Karen and a second by Whitney, the agenda was unanimously approved.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM AUGUST 27, 2014:**

Karen asked that there be a modification to the minutes, (page 4) changing 2014 Budget Proposals to 2014 Budget Allocations, since those were actually agreed upon by the Board and not just proposed. With a motion by Karen and a second by Jeff, the minutes were unanimously approved, with the one change.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None
5. STAFF AND BOARD UPDATES

BOARD:

- Farmer’s Market has been a great success – only 2 dates left
- The annual Golden Tour of Solar Homes - October 4th
- Jim stated that he has a friend on the Arvada Sustainability Board and they have kicked around ideas of possibly doing some joint efforts between Golden and Arvada and will look at some collaboration projects. Board thought it was an interesting idea and he will bring back any ideas they come up with at future meetings.
- One of the buildings downtown is starting recycling on October 6. (The building includes the Capitol Grill and Windy Saddle, etc).

STAFF:

- Ribbon cutting on October 3rd at 11:00 at the Recreation Center to promote the solar at that facility. COSEIA will host this event as county-wide showcase of solar investment opportunities.
- Theresa recently met with Arvada and Lakewood Sustainability Managers and they are looking at doing some joint composting at some point with A1Organics and Alpine Waste. It does look promising and Theresa will update as it progresses.
- PAYT – Goes to Council for 1st reading in October and then the 2nd reading and public hearing on November 13. The City plans on doing outreach between now and then for the public.

6. ACTION ITEMS:

A. DDA Primer:

Aleah Menefee, Redevelopment Specialist, Ed Dorsey, Chair of the DDA and Steve Glueck, Executive Director of GURA and DDA, brought the Board up to date on current and potential future projects for the DDA.

Aleah distributed ‘draft’ plans and also said these are available on the City website.

The DDA’s mission will be to focus available resources and community energy toward the continued enhancement and vitality of our downtown area. In doing so, the DDA will concentrate its efforts and resources in four specific areas:

- Business Vitality & Support
Community Character & Culture
Public Spaces & Infrastructure
Land Use & Transportation

Steve and Ed also explained the funding sources of DDA and how DDA and GURA will be working hand in hand for awhile. GURA is still working on 3 large projects - Gateway Village, 8th Street Condos and the Natural Grocers.

GURA is still working in downtown but will expire 12/31/14 and DDA will take over on 1/1/15. DDA/GURA programming costs for downtown include banners, holiday lights and staff. The DDA will not take over the parking structures – those will be given to the City to maintain and insure. They will also be looking at website grants, exterior building grants and energy efficiency grants.

Philip suggested that this Board would be interested in discussing and being involved in some of the discussions and advising on any projects with the DDA – Ed said he would be happy to involve CSAB to achieve some of their sustainability goals. Ed suggested that DDA could use some expertise for energy efficiency grant programs. Whitney felt that the Bent Gate would probably be interested in helping to promote an energy efficiency program to the downtown businesses.

Theresa and Steve shared some ideas about downtown - a proposal for pricing for single hauler to pickup downtown every day – smaller containers – clean up alleys a little, could add Washington Avenue 6 or 7 days a week. Ideas like - redesign the planters, creating more space for people. At 12 and 13th street, we need more capacity. Kurt asked if there is a way to have some kind of seasonal area that people could fill water bottles and have water for their dogs. Steve said right now the tap fees are very expensive and should the City consider changing the tap fees so we can do more water fountains? Steve suggested writing a memo about this and CSAB said they would support lowering tap fees for this purpose as it would reduce waste as well. CSAB will put together a list of things that they support being in downtown (trash, recycling, water). These will all help the goal to reduce waste.

B. Chair / Vice Chair Elections

Each year, Board members elect a Chair and Vice-Chair position to serve a one year term. Presently, Philip is the Chair and he agreed to serve until January 1, 2014. There was then discussion about electing a Vice Chair each year and then the Vice Chair would move to Chair for the second year. It was agreed that we do that way this year, but nothing was changed for future years.
Jim nominated Kurt as Chair and Whitney seconded, with it passing unanimously. Jim then nominated Jeff for Vice Chair and Karen seconded the nomination and that also passed unanimously.

C. 2015 Sustainability Strategic Plan Update

The Board reviewed a draft of the updated 2010 Sustainability Strategic Plan and make initial edits and comments.

Theresa discussed the timeline of this document – Discuss tonight, review and then at the October meeting, one final discussion and then hopefully, adoption. We had a Strategic Plan in 2008 and again in 2010, with this being the 3rd update. This is different than the work plan – there was then discussion as to whether there are elements that are not appropriate for this plan, but would be in the work plan - is there things that are replicated in both plans. The Board felt that the Strategic Plan is a great document – Everyone in the next month agreed to spend time making sure that their portions are still correct.

Jim didn’t like the Executive Summary – felt it was too long and maybe could be tweaked a little.

Theresa discussed each of the updates that she made to the document from the Retreat and the August meeting. Change “Other Additions” (page 19) to more toward the front of the document. Karen felt it was worth noting in the document that we have changed some of the goals in the last 5 years. Jim wanted to see a quick summary of what was changed.

D. Triple Bottom Line Policies

The Board is interested in new approaches to making decisions for City sustainability investment and reviewed a few local examples of how a TBL approach could work in Golden.

Phillip and Jeff suggested a couple of websites that the group looked at together.

http://www.tbltool.org/ and http://www.sustainableinfrastructure.org/rating/

After much discussion about the 2 websites and examples of the triple bottom line approach, it was decided that we would try to keep this simple and use the framework, but tailor to our needs. Theresa suggested that she would work on a TBL scenario such as the GCC solar project and bring it to the Board for discussion.

7. NEXT MEETING:
October 22, 2014
- Final Draft Strategic Plan – December 4 or 11 Council meeting?
- Farmers Market – moving forward – lessons learned

December 3, 2014
- Steve wants to share some updates on Walkability on Colfax, Call-n-ride bus, walkability, car-share downtown, etc.

2015 agendas
- 2014 IEEC Codes should be added to an agenda in 2015 to prepare for 2016 adoption.
- Resilience Plan

**ADJOURN:**
Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.