RESOLUTION NO. 1921

A RESOLUTION OF THE GOLDEN CITY COUNCIL
REGARDING DIRECTION TO THE COMMUNITY
SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD

WHEREAS, the Community Sustainability Advisory Board made recommendations to the City Council at the September 25, 2008 Regular Business Meeting; and

WHEREAS, City Council has reviewed the recommendations of the Board and wishes to provide direction to the Board.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOLDEN, COLORADO:

Section 1. The City Council directs the Sustainability Board to immediately begin doing the following:

a) Work with staff to craft recycling expectations as part of our event permitting process that encourage or require low/zero waste events. If this requires City Council action, bring the proposal to Council as soon as it is ready. If not, work with staff to ensure adoption as promptly as possible.

b) Work with city staff and potentially with the Economic Development Commission to plan an inexpensive education/promotion/branding campaign that can be scaled to whatever level of funding it receives in 2009 and 2010.

Section 2. The City Council further directs the Sustainability Board, upon City Council’s adoption of a 2009-2010 budget, to expeditiously craft a budget for Sustainability Board initiatives given the 2009 allocation. That budget should consider implementation of the recommendations described in the September 18, 2008 Memorandum, completing the determination of baseline data for all of the city’s Sustainability Initiative goals, and the Sustainability Board’s strategic plan. Some of the recommendations that might receive consideration in the 2009 budget include:

- The Insulate Colorado program. When and if the Sustainability Board moves forward on the Insulate Colorado program, they should consider ways to emphasize the homes that most need insulation and/or that benefit low- and moderate-income households;
- An education/promotion/branding campaign;
- An allocation for a renewable energy feasibility study (which might include a New RFP for solar installations on municipal buildings);
- A recycling plan and containers for our parks and downtown;
- Energy audits; and
- Installing bike lockers and bike storage at 10th and Washington or other key locations. If the Board pursues this, it should work with staff to clearly identify the extent of the need and prioritize installation locations, especially given the potential for changes in local bus routes with the opening of the West Corridor light rail line and the potential launch of a new local bus system in Golden. They should invite the members of the former Bicycle Master Plan Update Task Force to weigh in as well.
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Section 3. City Council encourages the Sustainability Board to participate in upcoming staff, board and commission, City Council, and community discussions on issues related to the Sustainability Initiative goals. These include, but are not limited to:

a) Establishing a “Complete Corridors” policy for new street/travel corridor construction and upgrades and reconstruction on existing street/travel corridors, expected in the first quarter of 2009.

b) Updating the city’s building code, expected mid-year 2009.

c) The Golden Vision 2030 process. That process will probably provide the best forum for exploring potential code amendments to promote sustainability in the community as well as many other issues of concern to the Sustainability Board.

Section 4. City Council invites the Sustainability Board to investigate further, at its discretion, the proposal to facilitate the creation of a community group committed to establishing one or several community gardens in Golden. Once such a group is created, facilitate that group working with staff to evaluate potential sites and craft a detailed plan.

Section 5. City Council will consider the proposal to require LEED standards for all City of Golden renovations and construction at an upcoming City Council meeting. This issue is time sensitive because of the immediate cemetery and public works projects.

Section 6. City Council also will consider the general issue of fee waivers and will decide whether it wants to pursue fee waivers for one or more elements of the City’s Sustainability Initiative and provide the appropriate direction to the Sustainability Board.

Adopted this 23rd day of October, 2008.

Jacob Smith
Mayor

Margaret Brooks, MMC
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

David S. Williamson
City Attorney
I, Susan M. Brooks, City Clerk of the City of Golden, Colorado, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a certain Resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Golden, Colorado at a regular business meeting thereof held on the 23rd day of October, A.D., 2008.

ATTEST:  

Susan M. Brooks, City Clerk of the City of Golden, Colorado