CALL TO ORDER – BUSINESS MEETING:
Karen Smith, Vice-Chair, called the business meeting to order at 6:35.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
Agenda was approved as written.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 12, 2010:
With 1 minor change from Karen, the minutes were unanimously approved.

STAFF UPDATE:

Teresa briefly discussed her update memo that was included in the packet. Additionally, she reported on the following:

A copy of the budget was briefly discussed. A current draft budget will be included in the packet prior to each meeting.

The City recently applied for a sustainability award for our trash program with CORE (Colorado Organization for Responsible Economy).

Peter Ewers is finishing his report – waiting for final information.

Park recycling project will be started in February at the Rooney Road Soccer Fields. The Parks Department is including all parks in Golden. Bell Middle School Honors students will be working on the Education and Enforcement at the park.
BOARD UPDATES:

Karen – Felt having the current budget as part of the packet is a good idea. She suggested that each board member could provide leadership in your goal areas and try to find future projects. Karen will also work with Theresa to draft a proposal, for the Boards approval, to have McKinstry review renewable energy needs; where we are presently and if we need adjustments to individual projects. Karen also wants to make sure that we get a joint meeting on the 6-month calendar with CSM Sustainability group.

Hillary – Recently sent out invitations for the new Golden School visioning session on Thursday, February 10, 11:00 to 2:00 at the First Methodist Church. This will be a meeting to discuss education in Golden, and what kind of new school would best suit our community.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jim Smith came to discuss 3 items:

Jim asked for clarification about water bills and trash bills and when the City could put a lien against a property for non-payment or shut off water? Theresa explained that the City would not shut off the water for non-payment of a trash bill, but since the trash is included in the water bill and if the water is not paid, they could put a lien on the property for the full amount.

The bike lane on Ford Street between 19th and Coors is constantly lined with empty trash cans. It’s very upsetting that the bike lane is permanently occupied by trash cans.

Believes we could save countless trees to require that phone book companies can only deliver to people who opt-in to receive the books. As a City we could also require them to insert (outside the book and inside the bag) instructions on opting out, at the very least. We have an ordinance that no one can deliver door-to-door without a permit, so we should advise them that they MUST get a permit in order to deliver.

Do you have to be a resident of the City to be on this Board because he is a small business owner of Golden Real Estate, and he would enjoy being on this Board.

ACTION ITEMS:

A. Chair/Vice Chair Elections

Karen was unanimously elected Chair and she will remain Chair until end of term, March 2012. Gunter was then unanimously elected as Vice Chair.
B. 2011 Annual Report

The Board reviewed a draft for an annual report that included progress made to-date and the ten-year sustainability goals. Theresa is still awaiting 2010 data and will continue to fill in those missing columns. This data will be used in 2 different ways; City issues an annual report to all citizens and CSAB may want to provide a more detailed Sustainability Report using this data. Karen thought that we should also include progress on the 13 priorities.

C. Local Living Economy

A local living economy promotes sustainability within the local business sector and promotes reliance on local resources. The Board discussed the concept of a local living economy and tried to identify potential action items.

Hillary explained the Local Living Economy concept and how it could benefit Golden. She suggested bringing Michael Shuman, Economist from BALLE, to Golden to speak to the Board. Hilary also would like the opportunity to work with the Mile High Business Alliance in Denver or the Be Local Northern Colorado in Ft. Collins.

Mr. Shuman charges $2500/day for speaking + expenses – he is speaking to Boulder in February and maybe we can co-op with them on costs for him. Theresa suggested Shop local, GURA, Downtown Merchants, EDComm, Chamber of Commerce, South Golden Merchants, Be Local Northern Colorado and possibly have a joint meeting to see if there is an interest. Chuck also suggested including the Civic Foundation and they each cost share and get the business community involved to attend free of charge and use the Mountaineering Center that holds 600 people.

Gunter suggested we do research with other communities – what has worked, what hasn’t?

Theresa suggested doing a forum and including:
- Michael Shuman
- Buy Local
- Golden Bucks - local currency project
- Re-useable bag fund raiser
- Agriburia
- National Capitalism Business EE
- Leadership Certification Award

Action Item: Meet with suggested groups – float the concept and see what else they want to talk about and possibly put together a date/time for a Sustainability Forum. Chuck suggested having a breakfast meeting at the Golden Hotel in about 3 weeks.
ADJOURN:

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40.

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, January 26th, Council Chambers