CITY OF GOLDEN
COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22, 2011

PRESENT: Chuck Baroch
          Hillary Mizia
          Scott Morissey
          Gunter Ritter
          Karen Smith

ABSENT:  Susan Buhr
          Whitney Painter

STAFF:   Anne Beierle, Deputy Director Env/Utilities
          Theresa Worsham, Sustainability Coordinator
          Denise Hish, Administrative Assistant

CALL TO ORDER – BUSINESS MEETING:

Gunter called the business meeting to order at 6:40 p.m., with Karen on speaker phone.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Gunter requested, if there is time on this agenda, to discuss the roles and responsibilities, retention of board members, and how to get really great applicants to fill vacancies.

With a motion from Chuck and a second by Hillary, the agenda was approved with the addition by Gunter, time permitting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MAY 25, 2011:

With a motion from Hillary and a second from Chuck, the minutes were approved as written.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None
STAFF AND BOARD UPDATES:

STAFF:
- Contracts are finalized and in review to the City Attorney for several projects, including the Education Consultant contract, grant for Wind Turbine, and CU Denver Industrial Rewards Program.
- The open Board position has been posted – Interviews will be sent with Council for early August and we should have a new board member by mid-August.
- Theresa passed out the Vision 2030 Plan to all Board members.
- The City of Golden recently received an award for our PAYT trash/recycling program from the Colorado Association for Recycling, and we continue to receive feedback from other cities about our program and how we did it.
- The City will be looking at meeting with CBAC this fall to review the cart inventory, fuel fluctuation and the contract with EDS, so they can make a recommendation to Council prior to budget acceptance.

BOARD:
Scott – Asked if this would be the forum to discuss the Mayor’s decision to not run for re-election – what may be the impact on that decision to the Sustainability Initiative? Are the other members of Council as dedicated to the sustainability issue as Jacob? Theresa answered that the board does not sunset for at least 10 years, and thinking of the success of the board, Theresa doesn’t see any real issues and feels that Council will continue to support CSAB.
Hillary – Golden Field School will postpone charter application for another year.
Gunter – Announced that he is now working as a structural engineer at a wastewater treatment plant in Englewood.

ACTION ITEMS:

A. USA Pro Cycling Challenge sustainability efforts

The Board reviewed plans to integrate zero waste practices and sustainability elements into Golden’s stage of the race during the weekend of August 27th.

Theresa described the Expo of events that will begin Friday, August 26 and run through race day, Sunday, August 28. Several voiced concern about the amount of volunteers needed for the weekend; Theresa had estimated upwards of 175 for the zero waste project. Brainstorming, the group came up with possible groups of volunteers: High school students, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Colorado Alliance for Environmental Education (CAEE), people involved with the working groups, National Honor Society at the high school, environmentally focused non-profits in Golden.

Theresa then discussed the fiscal impact for zero waste and explained all the line items. Scott felt that it made sense to contribute to the event, but using 1/3 of the budget for one event seems a little problematic, unless there are some long term goals that come out of this event. Karen suggested using the budget for the full cost of the water stations was a good use of the budget because they would and could be used at other events. After discussing each line item, it was agreed that the Board would make the commitment to to
pay for the water station, transportation, ½ of the zero hero cost and ½ volunteer incentives.

B. Sustainability Projects Review
Updates on several projects, including the Board’s efforts regarding a Local Living Economy, Community Solar Garden, a residential green building standard and energy efficiency programs, were reviewed.

- City Council reviewed the Community Solar Garden on June 16 and they gave the initial approval to go forward with an RFP. Gunter stated he feels very strongly that this should be a private organization with no direct funding by the City or municipal owned public utility.
- Local Living Economy – Have received 2 very different informal proposals. Hillary and Theresa will meet to decide best way to move forward by including other boards to see if they are interested.
- Residential Green Building Standard – Table to next meeting.
- Energy Efficiency Programs – Table to next meeting.

C. Budget Review
The Board discussed and prioritized funding for sustainability programs for the remainder of 2011. Remaining budget is $26,350.

The Board dedicated $6,450 to the USA Pro Cycling Challenge for zero-waste efforts and water stations.

ADJOURN:
Meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm

NEXT MEETING:
Agenda topics for next meeting July 27th

1. Budget prioritization – part 2
2. Energy concierge program
3. Residential Green Building Standard