CITY OF GOLDEN
COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD
WEDNESDAY, JULY 27, 2011

PRESENT: Chuck Baroch
         Hillary Mizia
         Scott Morissey (arrived at 7:20)
         Whitney Painter
         Gunter Ritter
         Karen Smith

ABSENT: Susan Buhr

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

CALL TO ORDER – BUSINESS MEETING:

Karen called the business meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

6B – Table this item until a new Board member has been appointed.
Add – Local Living Economy discussion

Chuck made a motion to approve the Agenda as changed and Whitney seconded the motion and the change was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JUNE 22, 2011:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None
STAFF AND BOARD UPDATES:

STAFF:
10 Water stations will be at the USA Pro Bike Race and are being built by the City. 400 bottles are being donated and will be handed out at the event. The goal is to have one of the stations set up and running at 13th & Washington for a test model, during Buffalo Bill Days this weekend. Theresa also updated the Board on the Zero Hero waste tents that will be used and the parking and shuttle buses that will be used to transport spectators.

Because of the cash donation of $6,450 for the waste program, the Sustainability logo will be used on t-shirts and throughout the event. As a sponsor, we qualify for 4 VIP tickets (2 for the party on Saturday night and 2 for the VIP tent at the race start and 3 t-shirts).

Save the Date: Wednesday, September 14th at 2:00, Groundbreaking ceremony at 708 Iowa Street for Habitat for Humanity and US EPA. Theresa noted there has been a staff change and it may be a good idea to put something in writing to them asking again how we can help with sustainability goals.

No applicants for the Board opening to date. Theresa will talk to the City Clerk to see if we can contact the 12 that applied for the last opening.

BOARD:
Whitney - Solar Garden update; on hold. Xcel has said “maybe” the end of the year they will roll out.

ACTION ITEMS:

A. Budget Review
The Board discussed and prioritized funding for sustainability programs for the remainder of 2011.

Theresa updated the Board on a proposal for an Energy Advisor Program from iCast, a local energy non-profit.

The Board also had brief discussion of commercial properties – sustainability efforts with a one-on-one approach, perhaps with an Intern. Hillary suggested talking to ELP (Environmental Leadership Program) and she said she would lead. Theresa will draft what an Intern position would look like and bring back to the Board and will also draft a funding level that she would recommend.

Zero-waste eventing discussion – provide recommendation to encourage zero waste for special events. All were in agreement that it was important to put aside some funding but it would need to go hand-in-hand with education and how to develop a guide for Special Eventers on how to zero waste.
B. Board Member Responsibilities
Tabled till new Board member is appointed by City Council.

C. Residential Green Building Standards
The Board discussed and prioritized funding for sustainability programs for the remainder of 2011. Theresa updated and re-familiarized the Board on what they agreed to during the joint meeting with the Planning Commission; see memo dated July 22, 2011 in the packet. Hillary would like to see other elements added in some way; like low VOC paint used along with other sustainable materials. Re-submit the green-menu to this Board when Theresa gets feed-back from the development community. Chuck asked how many building permits have we issued that would have been impacted by this and Theresa said she would provide a building analysis from last 3 years to see how many would have triggered this.

D. Energy Advisor Program
The Board reviewed examples of other energy advisor programs in the metro area and discussed opportunities to implement elements of a program in Golden.

This was discussed in the Budget Review. iCast could track our goals, where others don’t and the cost of 250 homes for $10,000. They would use the Xcel audit results and plug into their desktop home energy audit. Chuck stressed that we need to make sure to communicate what the homeowner is getting for their money. Gunter suggested maybe having iCast come to a meeting to talk. Theresa said we could possibly have a meeting during the week on a Friday morning or afternoon. The Board will work up a proposal on what funding she recommends. Chuck recommended doing an article for the Informer to discuss energy audits.

E. Local Living Economy
The Board discussed the local living economy proposal that Michael Shuman submitted. Theresa felt that after asking questions and reading his proposal, she didn’t feel Michael was the right fit. Hillary stated we should ask him why we should use him – what would he bring to Golden? Will leave $7,500 in the budget, but this may change.

ADJOURN:
Meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm

NEXT MEETING:
Proposed Agenda items for August 24, 2011
- Residential Green Building Standards
- Local Living Economy
- Budget Prioritization