CALL TO ORDER – BUSINESS MEETING

Susan Buhr called the meeting to order at 6:30

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

With a motion from Karen, the agenda was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 14, 2009

With a motion from Karen and a second from Scott, the minutes were unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

STAFF UPDATE:

• Draft progress report was discussed – Get comments / changes to Theresa by Wednesday, January 13.
• The Golden Vision2030 is requesting assistance from City’s Boards and Commissions. If you can participate in a focus group, please contact Nancy York or Theresa Worsham.

ACTION ITEMS:
A. Municipal Photovoltaic RFP

The Board considered a proposal to issue a RFP to solicit pricing to install solar photovoltaic panels on several municipal buildings. Theresa explained that the City has been approached several times by private solar providers interested in partnering with the City for mid-size solar projects, but the City found it difficult to due to the changing tiered rebate system with Xcel. The City recently consulted Denver about their RFP process and decided that comparing several bids may be what Golden should consider and this would be an opportunity for this board to sponsor the effort and be a good opportunity to see what options are out there. For $4,000, McKinstry could write the RFP and make a recommendation to this Board from RFP’s received. This Board could then recommend to Council. Scott explained that Xcel is re-organizing their rebates and it may not make sense to do this anymore because it may not be cost-effective any longer. Under the existing standard, he doubts that Xcel will expand this program again.

Willing to support work from McKinstry that would poise us to be ready, if Xcel opens this up again – maybe a smaller piece. Hillary thought it would be smarter to have more options available, more than just solar (wind, hydro, etc.). Theresa explained that McKinstry has already done some preliminary work in locating buildings and areas that could work for solar and we could have them do an RFP from what they presently did.

Scott recommended that the City should decide before doing the RFP what they would be willing to pay for solar. With that in mind, do an RFP or have discussion with solar companies and tell them what you are willing to do or pay.

Another suggestion was to find out what is happening with NREL Tap Grant? When will we hear something? Theresa will check.

B. Fundable Projects – Residential Energy Efficient Designs

CSAB discussed a pilot program to research ways that homeowners can improve the energy efficiency of their homes.

Gunter explained that the goals for this project would be:

- Ensure that within ten years 90 of all new buildings constructed in Golden each year are built to green building standards and,
- Ensure that within ten years 50 of all remodels in Golden each year are built to green building.

Gunter discussed rationale, what feedback he has received, cost/ benefit analysis and what the next steps would be. He would like to see this eventually on a website, giving information and a template for a sub-division, and then have resources explaining how to get to net zero.

Peter Ewers, stated that he felt that several buildings should be picked as proto-types and not just one standard because it could lead to liability issues, if the template doesn’t work.
Scott stated that he felt that we should not tie this into individual homes, but have lists of resources available on a website – a menu approach.

The Board supports this to move forward but needs to look for funding for a possible study – aim high for net zero and then if we can always keep in mind that this is Golden and we need to think about the different houses in this community and one size does not fit all.

C. Waste and Recycling Discussion

The Board reviewed results and discussed the latest Request For Proposals (RFP) to solicit bids on a single waste hauler contract for residential services.

The City received bids from 5 companies and Theresa included a short summary of results in the packet.

Council is scheduled to discuss the Board’s recommendation and the results of the RFP on February 4th. We need to recommend one of the policy alternatives (Pay as you throw Ordinance or Single Hauler contract) and also choose a proposal that best meets the City needs. We have this meeting and January 27th meeting to finalize our recommendation.

Karen commented on considering pricing in terms of location of operations, proximity to facilities and VMT reduction – We don’t have that information. She felt those things would help her decide on a single hauler.

Chuck wanted to know how we know what people are paying now and will this be more expensive? Susan said we need to lead with Sustainability in mind first, not price. Karen asked if the City has any information about what the pricing structures would be with a pay as you throw. Theresa stated that Ft. Collins, as an example, they have a tiering system. Theresa will try and find out that pricing and inform the Board.

Hillary stated she felt that we should go with a single hauler. Chuck wanted to know if there was study done for VMT on trash haulers? Is it really cheaper for a single vs several haulers? Scott agreed with Chuck and said he is leaning toward a pay as you throw vs. single hauler, just to keep more haulers doing business in Golden and people having more choices.

There were 2 Haulers in the audience and Susan asked if these goals were doable – Mark Petrovich with Republic Services stated that yes; the goals were very clear and very achievable. Mark also stated that if Council were to approve the Ordinance, they would not be able to operate in Golden because they would have to maintain such a large inventory of bins. Dianne Bennett with E.D.S. stated that it would be very easy to get to diversion rates with the ordinance.

A Straw vote was taken by Susan:
Gunter – Single Hauler
Scott – Ordinance
Susan stated that from a sustainability perspective, single hauler would be the way to go. We are not making the decision; we are making the recommendation to Council.

Susan asked Theresa to put together something to help make decision on VMT, etc.

Anne suggested that we put all the RFP’s on a site that the Board could review.

It was decided that a few more answers are needed to make a decision:
- Need an option for people who want to throw away less – get to pay less and a robust green waste program
- How do these prices compare to HOA’s
- Locations of facilities / ownership of hauler / operations are
- Sticker pricing
- Option to change service (bin size)

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Agenda topics for next meeting – January 27th

- Trash Hauler RFP
- Fundable Projects – Residential Energy Efficient Designs
- Composting

BOARD UPDATES:

None

ADJOURN:

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, January 27th, 6:30 p.m., Council Chambers.