CALL TO ORDER – BUSINESS MEETING:

Susan Buhr called the meeting to order at 6:30.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

With no changes, the agenda was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 8, 2010:

With one minor change (delete duplicate paragraph), the minutes were approved as written.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Bob Wilson, Candidate for RTD Director in 2010. Mr. Wilson requested to return to another meeting and do his presentation on Sustainability in Transit. The one major project he is working on is retrofitting the parking structure to be built at the Jefferson County Courthouse to be built with plug-ins and solar. Look at his website bob@bobwilsonforrtdd.com for more information.

Theresa stated that the City has seen the design and renderings of the plans for the structure. Susan will talk to Theresa to see when it would be appropriate to have this Board give input to support Mr. Wilsons plan.
STAFF UPDATE:

Next month - Theresa will update the budget on solar fee waivers, how much was spent.

Susan is not available for the VISION2030 Summit on March 23rd, but asked others to try and attend. Theresa said there would be a table showcasing sustainability.

Dates scheduled for Council to review the Waste Hauler contract and ordinances are April 22nd – First Reading and May 13th – Public Hearing and 2nd Reading.

ACTION ITEMS:

A. Fundable Projects – Residential Energy Efficient Designs

CSAB is considering a proposal to fund a study for energy efficient retrofits of existing homes in Golden. Peter Ewers joined the group to answer any questions that the Board may have.

Gunter noted two things of interest in Peter’s proposal:

- Cost estimating is very difficult to do, but similar case studies and probable costs – Gunter would rather do a cost estimate, based on certain criteria.

- Peter and his partner would volunteer ½ the time anticipated on this project. Gunter would rather see another solution to this, rather than in-kind service of 50%, because he doesn’t think it is fair. Peter responded that he wanted to do this because this he would also be learning as he went. If we need to add to the scope of work and we need to pay him more down the road, than we can do that.

Tom felt that we need to know that we are spending $4,000 for this project and not leave it open-ended for further work. The report that Peter is proposing is a fair price and as Peter said, after this report – we may find that this is not a viable project. There was a consensus to move forward with the proposal. Peter, Gunter and Theresa agreed to put together a timeline with deliverables.

B. Community Garden Update

Eric Houseman and Matt Burde joined the group. The Community Garden was very successful last year. Recently, Matt has been contacted by others (Trinity Church and someone living on Iowa Street) that are interested in doing their own community gardens.

Susan asked about the soils problem last year? Matt explained that they brought in 3 semi-loads of compost because there was so much clay in the site. The compost was very salty - luckily the way to get rid of salt is water and it was a rainy season. This year, the compost will be from A-1 Organics and they hope to not have a repeat. He also tested for heavy metals and found out there was none. Susan is still concerned about Organics
testing and Matt said they could talk to EPA and it may be difficult but he will check into it.

Communication is a challenge – 1 newsletter last year – going to do more this year.

Susan would like to know what the $5,000 CSAB donation would pay for? Priorities are a shade structure, information kiosk, signage.

Eric explained the “Together Church of Golden” presence in the garden. They had a 20x20 plot last year and this year they will have a 40x40 plot. There are 8 different churches in Golden working together on this plot and 100% of the food grown will be donated to food banks and wherever else it is needed.

The Board reviewed plans for the 2010 growing season and considered a request by the Golden Community Gardeners for funding of $5,000. The Board discussed where they would like the funding to go, and decided on Education and marketing / Administrative Costs / Information Kiosk / Drip irrigation. Hillary was in favor of doing the structure, if it was made with green materials and contained a sign stating that it was built with green materials. Tom said that he likes the idea of helping with infrastructure costs (irrigation/structure) to get a good start and then hopes that this project will be more self-sustainable with the people who want it, will support it with their plot fees.

Susan proposed that Matt come back with what he plans on using the $5,000 for.

**C. Performance Indicators Discussion**

Theresa did not have a final document tonight, but did share recent 2 memos from the Mayor regarding Work Plan and Ends Policy.

**D. Upcoming Calendars**

March 24th: *(3/24 Susan will not be attending)*
- IES Green Team proposal
- Education
- Greenprint Denver Strategic Plan

April 12th: *(4/12 Hillary will not be attending)*
- Add voting for Chair and Vice Chair
- Strategic Plan (leave on agenda until it is done)

May 10th:
- EPICS project results
BOARD UPDATE:

Susan – She has been Chair for 2 years now and it is time to change. April 12th a new Chair will be elected. Tell Theresa if you are willing to serve as Chair or not and she will inform others prior to that meeting.

Tom – will be testifying on Bill 1342 (Community Solar Gardens) – his intent is to represent that this bill has the support of CSAB. Scott described the other bills that may or may be of interest to this board. SB100 and HB1328.

Tom – CSM is working on a major update on their master plan – their public meeting is Monday, March 15. Tom believes that someone needs to look at the plan and talk to CSM because the expansion on campus from 5,000 to 6,000 students will affect our goals. The issue is not whether we agree or disagree with the expansion – we just need to know what the impacts are on our goals (energy, water, waste, vehicles). Tom will draft a letter of the CSAB requests. Maybe suggest they take this to their students as a project in the fall.

Tom – Circulator bus – there are a handful of opponents that are very vocal so it may be a challenge. Recommends that we formally support the project to Council.

Hillary – New Examiner job – Any topics you can think of, contact her.

Hillary – We need to talk again about education. We need to look at getting volunteers and get Education on the agenda SOON. We need a strategy.

ADJOURN:
Meeting was adjourned at 8:30.

NEXT MEETING:
Wednesday, March 24, City Council Chambers at 6:30pm