CITY OF GOLDEN
COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD
Wednesday, September 22, 2010
6:30 P.M.

PRESENT:
Tom Atkins
Susan Buhr
Karen Smith
Scott Morrissey
Gunter Ritter

ABSENT:
Hillary Mizia
Chuck Baroch
Anne Beierle, Deputy Director Env/Utilities

STAFF:
Theresa Worsham, Sustainability Coordinator

GUESTS:
none

CALL TO ORDER – BUSINESS MEETING:
Tom Atkins, Chair, called the business meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
Agenda was approved with the addition of a discussion of scope of work for the money earmarked for education.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM AUGUST 9, 2010:
With the addition of $2000 to promote wind source to the budget, the minutes were unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT:
No public comment

STAFF UPDATE:
Theresa made initial inquiries with PTAs from local R-1 schools to sell reusable bags as a fundraiser. Initial costs covered by advertising on the bags by local business. The Board also discussed whether the bags may also be sold in local stores eventually.

Theresa reported that the new trash program is still rolling out slowly. Pick up and recycle of old trash containers anticipated in early December. Yard waste pick up (or potentially drop off) is being scheduled for November.

Theresa is continuing in her efforts to find a permanent, local compost drop-off site. Current candidates include central collection either at property owned by Chip Parfet on 8th Street or the existing operation by A-1 at the Rooney Road recycling facility.

Strategic Plan is being completed. Final draft will be complete for review by Karen and Tom on Friday.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

A. **Community Solar Gardens Program**

Tom Atkins provided an update of his efforts to prepare for a public/private partnership to enable a local community solar garden. His goal is to be prepared to act quickly once the rules are issued by the PUC. Tom had a handout with a proposed scope of work that would prepare the city. Need to gauge public interest and determine if the City has property that might be suitable for this use. $7500 earmarked for consulting to complete as much of SOW as possible.

B. **Residential energy Efficiency Program**

Follow up on review of proposed SOW from EWERS Architecture contained in packet – initially discussed at 9/13/10 meeting. At that meeting, the Board expressed concerns about pursuing a net zero project at a cost that consumes a relatively high portion of the Board’s budget. Gunter believes that you need to make progress supporting remodeling efforts that hope to achieve net zero. There are plenty of websites with resources that have general energy efficiencies that are available. General concern of if there is a real demand for this detailed work – do people really aspire to a net zero remodel? Are we better served with a more modest effort toward better energy efficiencies – capturing the similarities of construction in Golden by neighborhood or area? Are there grant opportunities to fund this effort? Current SOW needs revision. Gunter is going to consider scope revisions, look at Colorado OEC grant and will call to see if it might fit, and will meet with Peter to plan a path forward.

C. **Education**

Have set aside $10,000 for education efforts. Susan considers this to be about 2 ½ weeks of consultant time. Potential outcomes: internal development of action plan that flushes out of activities that we have considered as educational – pay for an evaluation that city
could use to determine effectiveness of these actions, create well defined questions for a community survey, create an informant network of citizens who have agreed to participate in surveys and studies and other feedback efforts. General focus on evaluation of effectiveness of education and communications efforts (surveys, survey questions, interview protocols). Do we need instead to set aside money aside to develop a communications effort instead? Or do you evaluate simultaneously with developing an education/communication program. Allows Board to set goals, establish measurements, collect data…Focus on website development? Use consultants to develop questions for planned community survey? The Board agreed to divide the $10,000 budget into two efforts: continued education marketing and consultant expertise. Theresa will talk to Hannah on website scope of work ($7k). Susan will talk to consultant on evaluation sow ($3k)

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Agenda topics for October 11th meeting

   Residential energy efficiency project SOW revision

ADJOURN:

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35.

NEXT MEETING:

Monday, October 11, 2010, City Hall Conference Room, at 6:30 p.m. (Tom Atkins will not be here)