

Karen Oxman Spotlight

by Alice McLarty

“Leadership Golden really brought all the pieces together for me”, says Karen Oxman.

Karen had lived in Golden for about 15 years before her involvement with Leadership Golden and had volunteered in many capacities, including the public schools, kids’ soccer, Campfire Girls, and the Golden Visitor Center to name a few, but Leadership Golden (LG) was invaluable in learning how the city works. An important takeaway for her was that change is necessary for a city to thrive.

Inspired by her LG class in 1989-90, Karen served on the LG Steering Committee for two years and then took other courses to immerse herself in the community- the Citizens’ Police Academy and the Jeffco District Attorney classes. In 2003 she was elected to Golden City Council, serving two four year terms as District 2 Counselor, the second as Mayor Pro Tem.

Karen is still very involved in the Golden community. She serves on the Citizens Budget Advisory Committee (which advises the City Council and the City Manager), the Downtown Development Authority (contributing planning as well as financial resources to public improvements in downtown Golden), her HOA, and still volunteers at the Visitors Center!

A key current issue for Golden identified by Karen is striking the balance between its burgeoning popularity, especially for summer creek use, and maintaining a safe and inviting place for the year-round residents.

Thank you, Karen!

