

Golden Urban Renewal Authority

City of Golden, Colorado

Business Meeting

December 12, 2011

The Golden Urban Renewal Authority of the City of Golden, County of Jefferson, State of Colorado, met on the above date in City Council Chamber at City Hall at 910 – 10th Street, Golden, Colorado, at the hour of 6:30 p.m. Commissioners present were:

Erin Dawes	Annette Lyttle	John Eakes	Pamela Gould	

Commissioners Baker, Colacci and McLetchie were absent. Executive Director Mark Heller and Administrative Assistant Marcie Miller were present. Also in attendance was Councilor-Elect Saoirse Charis-Graves.

GURA Chair Dawes called the meeting to order at 6:38.

Approval of Minutes –

The minutes of the November 14, 2011 meeting will be considered at the January 9, 2012 meeting.

Public Comment – None.

Reports of Committees/Matters for the Authority

Finance Committee –

Discussion/action regarding approval of Resolution 100, regarding the community reinvestment fund - Heller reminded the Board that each year, GURA transfers at least \$15,000 to EDComm for use in promoting downtown. The difference this year is that, with Council's recent changes, instead of the money being transferred to EDComm, it now goes to the community marketing program. **Gould moved for approval of Resolution 100; Lyttle seconded. All Commissioners present agreed.**

Discussion/action regarding approval of Resolution 101, adopting the 2012 Budget and work plan - Heller stated that the focus of the Board for the past several meetings has been the budget for the coming year, and noted that since the Board's last discussion, there have been no substantive changes to the document. Eakes asked if the work plan would include Lots 2 and 4 as part of East Downtown for purposes of the East Downtown Plan, or if they would remain outside the scope of that plan. Heller explained that since Lot 2 is already under discussion with Aardex, it could potentially go either way, and if Aardex were to present a proposal for the development of Lot 2, GURA would certainly present it to Council ahead of a completed plan for the larger neighborhood. **Lyttle moved for approval of Resolution 100; Gould seconded. All Commissioners present agreed.**

Human Resources – None.

Communications – the Annual Report is underway.

Development and Operations – None.

Other Business –

Discussion regarding City Council meeting of 12/1/11 and City Council Resolution 2161 – Although the Commissioners generally felt that they had said everything they had to say about Resolution 2161, they offered a few comments about how the Resolution will affect GURA operations in East Downtown. Eakes stated that he thinks that developing an East Downtown Plan is a good idea. Lyttle noted that if waiting for a plan to develop East Downtown causes a delay in the development of Lots 2 and 4, there will be less time to act before the downtown project sunsets. Gould suggested that it might be a good idea to have a page on the GURA website to explain the East Downtown Plan and to let people know that there are development possibilities. Dawes encouraged the Board to ask themselves who the audience for East Downtown Plan is, and the following groups were suggested: Bicycle Task Force, transportation advocates, and nearby residents.

Discussion regarding GURA retreat date and topics – After a brief discussion, it was decided that January 9, 2012 will be a short regular business meeting, and January 23, 2012 will be a retreat-type meeting at which “big sky” topics will be discussed. The topics are still under discussion, but initial suggestions are: revised mission statement; grants policy (for-profit vs non-profit entities, bricks and mortar or economic development support); the DDA, its funding and the mechanism for transfer of money and control.

Discussion/action regarding Resolution 102 – time and place of meetings – It was agreed that meetings will take place at 6:30pm in City Council Chambers on the second Monday of each month. The fourth Monday is a potential in the event it's needed. **Gould moved for approval of Resolution 102; Lyttle seconded. All Commissioners present agreed.**

Discussion/action regarding Jackson Court Certificate of Completion – Heller explained to the Board that, due to an oversight several years ago, GURA had never presented the owners of the Jackson Court building with a Certificate of Completion. In order to become up to date he presented the document for Dawes to sign and file. He will present the certificate to the building owners at the earliest opportunity. **Lyttle moved for the issuance of a Certificate of Completion for Jackson Court; Gould seconded. All Commissioners present agreed.**

Commissioner's Concerns –

Lyttle announce that her business, the Done Inn B&B is under contract, and accepted congratulations and applause.

Gould noted that the candlelight walk was awesome. She also stated that her neighborhood seems to be experiencing a mini crime wave perpetrated by local teens.

Eakes stated that the holiday lights are exceptional this year.

Dawes applauded the candlelight walk sound system and said that it was significantly better this year than in the past. She expressed her frustration with the variable messaging sign on Washington Avenue, stating that although it is apparently out of order now, when it is fixed, it should be used to its potential – it needs to be on and relevant. She also noted that the Vital Outdoors sign, for which GURA gave a grant, is installed and looks great. She is also interested in having the sagging Blue Canyon banner removed.

Staff Report – None.

Adjourn –

There being no further business, Dawes called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Lyttle MOVED to adjourn the meeting. Eakes seconded. All Commissioners present agreed. Dawes adjourned the meeting at 8:22pm.

Mark Heller
Executive Director

Erin Dawes
Chair