

Golden Urban Renewal Authority

City of Golden, Colorado

Business Meeting

January 22, 2007

The Golden Urban Renewal Authority of the City of Golden, County of Jefferson, State of Colorado, met on the above date in the City of Golden Council Chambers at 911 – 10th Street, Golden, Colorado, at the hour of 7:00 p.m. Commissioners present were:

Lisa de Graaf	A.J. Johnston	Preston Driggers	Paul Imse	Henry Tiberi

Stanley and Bickart were absent. Mark Heller, Debbie Rainquet, Councilor Karen Oxman, Vicki Wagner, Tim Pasquarelli, and Barb Warden were also present.

Approval of Minutes

Driggers called for a motion to approve the business meeting minutes of January 8, 2007. **Tiberi MOVED to approve the business meeting minutes. Johnston SECONDED.** Imse presented substitute language to replace the last sentence under discussion regarding the leasing of Jackson Court. **Johnston MOVED to amend the minutes according to the prescribed language submitted by Imse. De Graaf SECONDED. The minutes were approved as amended.**

Public Comment – Tim Pasquarelli, a resident at 660 11th Street, Unit 105, commented on the draft of the Downtowner’s Project submitted in the GURA packet. Pasquarelli noted that some residents were moving forward to form a downtown residents association which they felt would be a positive direction for the City and advised that more information will come as available. There was discussion. Pasquarelli also gave an update on issues at the Millstone condominium project.

Heller introduced Barb Warden and noted that she manages the GURA website.

Reports of Committees/Matters for the Authority

Finance Committee – None

Human Resources Committee – None

Communications Committee – None

Development & Operations –

Discussion/action regarding American Mountaineering Center Grant Agreement – Heller reviewed previous discussions regarding the grant to the American Mountaineering Center and asked for comments on the proposed 5-year agreement. **Imse MOVED that GURA approve the grant agreement and its execution. Tiberi SECONDED. All Commissioners present agreed.**

Discussion/action regarding leasing of Jackson Court – There was discussion regarding the leasing progress of Jackson Court and written correspondence to the owners of Jackson Court. Heller will write a letter to Brad Haswell and Jim Dauer reminding them that the Board would like to be kept informed of their progress in leasing Jackson Court and to request that they come before the Board in six weeks with an update.

Discussion/action regarding Gateway Station update, garage lighting design and Banks’ easement – Heller commented on the garage lighting design drawings that were included in the packet. He noted that a final report and full-sized drawings were not available for tonight’s meeting but that John Rossini will attend the next GURA meeting to discuss the full-sized drawings. There was discussion. Heller will request a night rendering and follow-up on the “burned out” notation on the drawings.

Heller updated the Board on the status of the amendment to the Banks Easement Agreement and reviewed the plan for the power conversion to the new transformer.

Downtown Character Committee update – Driggers reviewed discussion regarding comments from the high school and college focus groups and discussed the committee’s plans for stations at the community meetings to be held at the American Mountaineering Center on February 25 and 26, including strategies and policies, character areas, Clear Creek corridor and public spaces, FasTracks, design guidelines, formal guidelines, energy resource station, land use or opportunities, digital economy, streetscape surveys, and cultural. There was discussion regarding a take-away walking tour brochure as a means to collect comments. Driggers noted that the next meeting is scheduled for February 14 and encouraged Heller, de Graaf and Johnston to attend.

Downtown business website program update – Imse discussed the status of the draft request for proposal for a pilot program intended to help downtown businesses expand their e-commerce presence. He noted that EdComm is directing the effort and GURA is participating in the design of the RFP.

Other Business –

Marketing strategies draft – Driggers discussed the Draft Ideas on How to Market Downtown Golden document that was submitted in the packet. There was discussion regarding available similar demographic data, accuracy of that data, the benefits of making the data relative to small businesses, data sources, data collection and who will do it, dissemination of the data, development of a presentation, hiring a consultant, budget availability, workload, and the role of EdComm and the Chamber. Heller will review the budget and pursue estimates on variations of putting the report together in-house or through an outside consultant.

Coordinating resource efficiency grants policies between GURA and EdComm – Heller advised that EdComm’s 2007 grant program increased funding for projects with a resource efficiency or renewable energy component. There was discussion regarding how GURA and EdComm will work together to divide money for grant requests. There was further discussion regarding the charter requirement for signage and the possibility of including a brand identifying the project as part of the Golden sustainability initiative. Heller will follow-up with the City.

Discussion/action regarding Council’s discussion of 2007 priorities – Councilor Oxman summarized the recent City Council study session and noted that the two top priorities are sustainable energy and affordable housing and that Council also discussed the idea of becoming an inclusive city.

Heller advised that the City is planning a sustainability open house on February 28 in Council Chambers. He added that Peter Rusin, GURA’s sustainability intern, will be working with ICLEI to get the program underway.

Commissioners Concerns – Johnston inquired about the resolution of the Buffalo Rose’s parking issue. Councilor Oxman noted that Council agreed to allow the Buffalo Rose to pay a \$150 flat fee for big name ticketed events to offset parking maintenance and damages since they would be using spaces after hours that would normally not be occupied.

Staff Report – Heller advised that the Wells Fargo access and Coors BRL agreements are final. Rainguet presented photos of the downtown Golden holiday lighting upgrades.

Public Comment – None

Adjourn

There being no further business, Driggers called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. **Tiberi MOVED to adjourn the meeting. Imse SECONDED. All Commissioners present agreed.** Driggers adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Mark Heller
Executive Director

Preston Driggers
Vice-Chair