

**Golden Urban Renewal Authority
City of Golden, Colorado
Business Meeting
February 23, 2009**

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 6:30 p.m. Commissioners present were:

Paul Imse	Lyndall McLetchie	Steve Taylor	Annette Lyttle	Ted Bickart
A.J. Johnston				

Mark Heller and Janis McBurney were also present. Philip Baker was absent. Heller noted that the formal City Council liaisons to each board and commission have been eliminated.

Approval of Minutes -

Johnston called for a motion to approve the business meeting minutes of January 26, 2009. **Taylor MOVED to approve the business meeting minutes. Bickart SECONDED. All Commissioners present agreed.**

Public Comment – Vicki Wagner asked the Board to consider placing a brick in front of the old Hesteds building in recognition of Cliff Evans. After discussion, a vote was held and passed four to two. Commissioners McLetchie, Taylor, Lyttle and Bickart voted in favor of the request, and Commissioners Imse and Johnston voted against the request.

Reports of Committees/Matters for the Authority

Finance Committee – Heller advised that the audit is scheduled for the week of March 9, and that the draft is usually ready by May.

Human Resources Committee – Heller advised that intern Steven Williams is returning to GURA. He further commented that he conducted intern interviews last week for the second position, and that a decision should be made by the end of the week.

Communications Committee – It was noted that the Annual Report was mailed February 17.

Development and Operations – none

Other Business – Discussion/action regarding Code Chapter 18.40 revision regarding downtown design standards - After discussion, it was decided that Heller will draft a letter to the Mayor and City Council basically stating that GURA supports and urges the adoption of proposed Ordinance 1836.

Commissioners Concerns – Imse expressed concern with the closing of Clear Creek Books, and a discussion was held. He advised the Board that the 2030 Committee is having a kick-off at Golden High School on March 11 at 6:00 p.m.

Lyttle apprised the Board of her schedule.

Bickart expressed concern regarding Clear Creek Books, and further discussion including grant guidelines was held.

Johnston commented that he doesn't necessarily agree with the change in the Liaison Program with City Council. He stated that Councilor Oxman attended virtually every meeting and was a valuable member of and participant to the GURA Board, and extended his utmost thanks and appreciation to Councilor Oxman for her invaluable service.

Staff Report – With regard to RFP 09-001, Heller stated that thus far, four companies have picked up the bid packet. He apprised the Board of the progress made regarding the independent film idea. Heller noted that Grappa did not make their fourth quarter increment. He advised the Board of the property tax projection for Gateway Station. He stated that a new city employee training program was beginning tomorrow, and that all department heads will be giving briefings on their departments. He commented that two recycling bins have been placed on Washington Avenue. He informed the Board that Peak Cycles will be moving from its current location at 14th and Washington Avenue to the Foss corner space. Heller advised that the Congress for New Urbanism, a national planning organization, is having their annual conference in Denver later this year, and has asked him to give a tour of Golden to the attendees, which he will do. He advised that the City Manager has asked him to write and publish a blight study RFP for the "Golden Point" area, and a discussion was held. He commented that the Mayor would like to see more SketchUp modeling. He apprised the Board that the City Forester, the Parks Division Manager and the Parks Supervisor are of the opinion that we should stop lighting the spruce tree on the corner of 10th and Washington Avenue, and in that regard, they will attend a meeting on Friday with Heller, Mark Payne from A Cut Above, and Botanical Garden experts at the Denver Botanical Gardens to discuss tree health and the like. Heller reminded the Board that the Golden Landmarks Association dinner is Friday the 27th at Mt. Vernon Country Club.

Public Comment – none

Adjourn -

There being no further business, Johnston called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. **Bickart MOVED to adjourn the meeting. Imse SECONDED. All Commissioners present agreed.** Johnston adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Mark Heller
Executive Director

A.J. Johnston
Chair