

**Golden Urban Renewal Authority
City of Golden, Colorado
Business Meeting
March 08, 2010**

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	Steve Taylor	Philip Baker	Annette Lyttle	Lyndall McLetchie
A. J. Johnston				

Mark Heller and Janis McBurney were also present.

Approval of Minutes -

Lyttle called for a motion to approve the business meeting minutes of February 22, 2010. **Imse MOVED to approve the business meeting minutes. McLetchie SECONDED. All Commissioners present agreed.**

Public Comment – none

Reports of Committees/Matters for the Authority

Finance Committee – Heller gave a status update on the 2009 audit.

Human Resources Committee – none

Communications Committee – none

Development and Operations – Meeting with EDComm regarding potential approaches to economic development – Steve Glueck, Planning & Development Director, and the following members of the EDComm Board appeared for discussion of potential approaches to economic development with the GURA Board: Chris Ball, Mary Block, Kelley Condon, Todd Grover, Renee Rinehimer, and Phil Rutkowski. After lengthy discussion, a joint sub-committee consisting of GURA Board members Philip Baker, Steven Taylor and Paul Imse, and EDComm Board members Chris Ball, Todd Grover and Phil Rutkowski, was formed. This sub-committee will bring a preliminary proposal back to both boards in mid-April setting forth what we want to accomplish and the range of ways to do it, including deciding what we need as an economic development plan, some sort of description of the task, the jobs, the projects, the things that we think the city can benefit from in the long term, and then figure out what tools and organizations can best accomplish them, at which time a joint recommendation to City Council will be made.

Discussion/action regarding 2/25 meeting with City Council, including “low traffic” signage, development of Lots 2 & 4, and “East Downtown” land use plan – Heller requested the Board’s input regarding the “low traffic” signage, and was advised to proceed. **Taylor MOVED that we add the north district to the “low traffic” signage, placing the sign on 11th Street pointed toward the businesses on the north side of town. Baker SECONDED. All Commissioners present agreed.**

With regard to Lots 2 and 4, Heller apprised the Board of a recent conversation he had with Len McBroom regarding Lot 2. Discussion ensued.

With regard to the "East Downtown" land use plan, it was noted that we have more time to figure that out, if GURA is the entity to figure it out.

Taylor proposed that Heller write a letter to City Council outlining GURA's efforts thus far relative to putting a park on Lot 2. Discussion ensued. Heller received direction from the Board to write said letter.

Heller advised that he received complaints through the Public Works Department from Gateway Station residents that they don't like the gravel that they track into the building when they walk across Lot 2. He noted that he also heard from the City Environmental Department that there is some level of concern that the semi-finished state of Lot 2 is a water quality concern that does need to be addressed. Discussion ensued. Heller noted that it would cost approximately \$16,000 to pave. Heller will keep the Board apprised on these issues.

Discussion/action regarding Golden Gem Cinema - Heller provided an update on the Golden Gem Cinema project. A discussion, including costs and budgeting, was held. It was noted that the Golden Civic Foundation would likely commit very little funding. **Johnston MOVED that we spend the \$60,000 allocated in the budget in furtherance of the Golden Gem Cinema project. Taylor SECONDED.** Further discussion ensued, including Johnston's request to reserve some funds out of the \$60,000 to subsidize the project during the first year or so. Heller noted that monies could be escrowed. **All Commissioners present agreed.** Further discussion was held, including the lease and tax issues.

Other Business – Discussion/action regarding potential listing of Downtown Post Office - Heller advised the Board of a meeting he had with Shelley Wheeler, listing agent with the USPS, noting that she commented that she was surprised that there has been very little public out-cry for the Golden Post Office. Ms. Wheeler was also discouraging about the rumor that the USPS would lease back some or all of the building. Further discussion was held.

Appointment of liaison to EDComm's Retail Marketing Committee – After brief discussion, Heller will be the GURA liaison to this committee.

Commissioners Concerns – Imse requested a status update on the downtown marketing brochure. Heller advised that it has not yet begun.

Johnston asked about Heller's upcoming meeting with Miller-Coors, and the proposed video monitor. Heller reported on efforts thus far to find a weatherproof monitor. Taylor stated that he knows of some manufacturers of this type of monitor, and will send links to Heller. Heller will report his findings at the next Board meeting.

McLetchie reported that the next Vision 2030 meeting is Wednesday, and they will be viewing the high school videos. She invited everyone to attend. She also advised that the Community Meeting is set for March 23. Heller noted that we have been helping Nancy York, City Planner, code all of the value statements.

Taylor commented that he read in the Informer that the sidewalk project north of town includes lighting. He asked Heller to check with Dan Hartman to see where exactly they are putting the lighting, noting that this would be the lighting that GURA is donating to the project. Taylor advised that due to a scheduling conflict, he will be unable to attend the State of the City luncheon meeting at Fossil Trace.

Staff Report – Heller provided a follow-up of the Google Webinar held last Friday, March 5. The nine CWC cities, including Golden, are going to submit a response, noting that Boulder will be submitting individually. Heller apprised the Board of the upcoming Show & Tell Opening Reception to be held March 25 at the Golden History Center. He also apprised the Board of the upcoming Gala and Induction Ceremony to be held at the American Mountaineering Museum on April 10.

Public Comment – none

Adjourn -

There being no further business, Lyttle called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. **Imse MOVED to adjourn the meeting. Baker SECONDED. All Commissioners present agreed.** Lyttle adjourned the meeting at 8:53 p.m.

Mark Heller
Executive Director

Annette Lyttle
Chair