

Golden Urban Renewal Authority

City of Golden, Colorado

Business Meeting

March 9, 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	Philip Baker
A.J. Johnston				

Mark Heller and Janis McBurney were also present. Ted Bickart was absent.

Approval of Minutes -

Johnston called for a motion to approve the business meeting minutes of February 23, 2009. **Imse MOVED to approve the business meeting minutes. McLetchie SECONDED.** Baker requested that the minutes indicate who the dissenting votes were in the Public Comment Section. **All Commissioners present agreed as amended.**

Public Comment – Holly and Joe Tempel appeared on behalf of Lariat Loop. They advised that they will be celebrating ten years of the Lariat Loop, and are inviting the communities along the loop to participate in the celebration, which will be held April 2, 2009 from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm at the Foothills Art Center. Ideas were shared about developing a communication system for businesses along the loop, and upcoming plans for the loop.

Saoirse Charis-Graves stated that she is giving serious consideration to running for City Council in Ward 1 in the next election, and in that regard is attending as many meetings as possible to further her knowledge of the various entities and their functions.

Erin Dawes, a new citizen, appeared to observe the board meeting stating that she was intrigued with our Annual Report.

Reports of Committees/Matters for the Authority

Finance Committee – Heller advised that GURA's annual audit began today.

Human Resources Committee – **Update regarding Heller paternity vacation/leave** – Heller's paternity leave schedule was discussed.

Communications Committee – Imse, Lyttle and Johnston all noted that they have received positive comments on the Annual Report.

Development and Operations – **Discussion/action regarding decision process for Arch bid selection, banner art photo contest, 150th Anniversary banner contest, Arts Fest banner** - Heller advised that with regard to the Arch bid selection, we received six bids today. He went over the actual dollar amounts with the Board, and stated that they would be thoroughly evaluated over the next week-and-a-half and brought back to the Board for a decision on March 23. He noted that Public Works and their contract expert, and Paul Kuhn with Winston Associates will assist in the selection. It was suggested that perhaps the Development and Operations Committee should also meet to assist in the selection. With regard to the banner art photo contest, the selection process was discussed. Heller advised that Pentax will be contributing cameras for the top three awards. Regarding the 150th Anniversary banner contest, Heller stated that Reilly Sanborn anticipates coming to the GURA meeting to

discuss the submissions at the April 27 meeting. He explained that we will not be picking their exhibit. We will be picking five from the exhibit and then the public will pick the top one from that five. Heller recommended hanging the 150th banner the beginning of June, and leaving it up until year-end. He recommended that the Arts Fest banner be left up until the fall. Heller asked for suggestions on additional locations to hang the banners.

Discussion/action regarding theoretical PV budget - Heller checked into the cost to build a roof over the top deck of the parking garage to support the pv panels, and the cost was not feasible. After discussion, it was noted that there was a miscommunication. Heller will now check into the cost to simply install panels sufficient to just power the garage.

Other Business – Discussion/action regarding retail support strategies – Heller commented that he thought it would be a good idea to brainstorm about things (in addition to what GURA has already come up with) that GURA can do to either help keep businesses in business, if warranted, or attract new businesses.

Discussion/action regarding Clear Creek Books support – Heller and the Board held a brainstorming session on what can GURA do within the guidelines to help support Clear Creek Books. After lengthy discussion, it was decided that Heller will contact Craig Morgan and relay the sentiments of the Board, including letting him know that GURA would like to help; however, he has to give GURA a reason for helping as well as letting GURA know his needs.

Discussion/action regarding Blue Canyon grant request - Jolynn Johnson appeared on behalf of the grant request submitted by the Blue Canyon Bar & Grill to improve the ventilation and environment in their establishment. She presented a letter from Kelly McGregor, Environmental Health Specialist II with the Jefferson County Health Department, for the board's review and consideration. John and Cheryl Haggstrom, Gateway Station residents, appeared and stated that although the Blue Canyon Bar & Grill is owned by a local family, they do not consider it a family establishment due to incidents of antisocial behavior exhibited by Blue Canyon patrons. She asked the Board to take that kind of behavior into consideration when considering Blue Canyon's grant request; however, she noted that if this behavior can be addressed and taken care of, she would encourage the Board to invest the funds to have "another fun place to go." Heller summarized GURA's grant guidelines, and a discussion was held. **Imse MOVED to consider a grant to Blue Canyon Bar & Grill in the amount of \$6300.00. Taylor SECONDED.** After further discussion, **Imse's motion was amended adding the condition that all of Blue Canyon's sales tax remittances be current and that all necessary building permits be obtained. Baker SECONDED. All Commissioners present agreed.**

Discussion/action regarding citizens ad hoc holiday light committee – For informational purposes, Heller apprised the Board of a recently formed citizens ad hoc holiday light committee.

Commissioners Concerns – Taylor commented that he did not receive his packet in the mail. He also passed on comments made by the owner of Vintner's Cellar, including that their customers frequently comment on how difficult her location is to find, and if she could do it over again, she would have tried to get on Washington Avenue. This conversation furthered Taylor's belief about how GURA needs to develop the side streets. A brief discussion was held.

Lyttle suggested signage that would send people down the side streets to the businesses there. She commented on a favorable call she received from a local business owner after receiving our Annual Report. She also stated that she received really good feedback from Baby Does about the process of their façade renovation.

Staff Report – Heller shared an update on web usage with the Board provided by Barb Warden. He commented that the Golden Diner should be opening very soon.

Public Comment – Saoirse Charis-Graves commented that she really appreciates GURA and the work that GURA does.

Barb Warden commented that there are people who just don't notice things; however, she thinks GURA's façade projects look great and really make a difference downtown. She noted that she has been working

on a slide show for the sesquicentennial. And, with regard to Taylor's comment about Vintner's Cellar being located on a side street and difficult to find, she suggested a grant program for signs.

Erin Dawes stated that it is a pleasure to live in a community that helps its citizens and honors its history.

Adjourn -

There being no further business, Johnston called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. **Imse MOVED to adjourn the meeting. Taylor SECONDED. All Commissioners present agreed.** Johnston adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Mark Heller
Executive Director

A.J. Johnston
Chair