

Golden Urban Renewal Authority

City of Golden, Colorado

Business Meeting

April 13, 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 6:35 p.m. Commissioners present were:

Philip Baker	Lyndall McLetchie (arrived 6:40)	Steve Taylor	Ted Bickart	Annette Lyttle
A.J. Johnston				

Janis McBurney was also present. Paul Imse and Mark Heller were absent.

Approval of Minutes -

Johnston called for a motion to approve the business meeting minutes of March 23, 2009. **Bickart MOVED to approve the business meeting minutes. Baker SECONDED. All Commissioners present agreed.**

Public Comment – Sharon Wheatley stated that she is just observing. Bob Vermeulen stated that he is just observing as well, and announced that he will be running for Ward 3 City Council in the fall.

Reports of Committees/Matters for the Authority

Finance Committee – Johnston noted that we should receive the audit soon.

Human Resources Committee – none

Communications Committee – none

Development and Operations – Discussion/action regarding photo contest – Baker briefed the Board on the photo contest, and advised that the top three winners will be announced soon.

Discussion/action regarding photovoltaic on Gateway Garage – Johnston summarized the PV solar system estimate from Real Goods contained in the packet, and a discussion was held. Follow-up questions for Heller include what is the functional life expectancy of the system being proposed, what are the operational costs, and what does it look like.

Other Business – Discussion/action regarding Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum request for support – This agenda item has been continued to the next scheduled meeting.

Discussion/action regarding support for Congress of New Urbanism Conference in Denver – Johnston briefed the Board on this topic noting that Heller will be giving a tour of Golden to planners from around the country. A discussion was held. With regard to providing support for CNU, the Board agreed that more information is needed, including whether it is within our charter, whether we will benefit in some direct or indirect way, and on what we have done in the past on like situations before a decision will be made. This item will be re-addressed when Heller returns.

Discussion regarding coming Summit on Golden’s retail economy – Johnston announced that there is going to be a summit; however, the date is yet to be decided. If available, Heller will attend. If not, Johnston will attend in his place. Lyttle stated that she is very interested, and would like to attend as well.

Commissioners Concerns – Lyttle pointed out the Golden Visitors Center Annual Report contained in the packet, noted that they do many great things, and asked that the Board take a look at it.

Bickart did not have any concerns; however, he requested an update on the Gateway Arch which Johnston provided.

Johnston apprised the Board of a meeting he had with Mayor Smith regarding GURA sun setting in 2014. A brief discussion was held.

Staff Report – McBurney mentioned the sidewalk power washing set to begin April 19, an upcoming meeting at the American Mountaineering Center, and an invitation received from the Golden Quilt Museum. Johnston summarized the Staff Report information contained in the packet. Sharon Wheatley reported on a Shop Local meeting held last Friday at the GURA office.

Public Comment – Barb Warden presented an idea wherein we would have solar powered lights in the downtown trees year-round. The Board noted that this seemed like a reasonable suggestion, and requested that Heller look into the viability upon his return.

Sharon Wheatley mentioned that the American Mountaineering Center has a new director beginning this week. She also mentioned that the new Sherpa House restaurant is having their ribbon cutting this Thursday at 5:30, and that Vital Outdoors had approximately 300 to 500 people attend their ribbon cutting and grand opening last week. She commented that she feels Golden is now appealing to the “30 something” crowd and gave several examples supporting her comment including our new shops and restaurants. Bickart asked if any focus has been given to evening activities, at which time Wheatley summarized the First Friday program.

Adjourn -

There being no further business, Johnston called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. **Bickart MOVED to adjourn the meeting. Lyttle SECONDED. All Commissioners present agreed.** Johnston adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Mark Heller
Executive Director

A.J. Johnston
Chair