

Golden Urban Renewal Authority

City of Golden, Colorado

Business Meeting

April 27, 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:

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

Councilor Oxman and Janis McBurney were also present. Ted Bickart, Paul Imse and Mark Heller were absent.

Approval of Minutes -

Johnston called for a motion to approve the business meeting minutes of April 13, 2009. **Lyttle MOVED to approve the business meeting minutes. Baker SECONDED. All Commissioners present agreed.**

Public Comment – none

Reports of Committees/Matters for the Authority

Finance Committee – none

Human Resources Committee – none

Communications Committee – none

Development and Operations – Discussion/action regarding photo contest – McLetchie reported that the winners have been notified, and that she believes a request has been made to try and obtain additional photos of Golden activities and events. Some photos were displayed for the Board; however, due to the slowness of the computer, the Board requested that the winning photos be e-mailed to them.

Discussion/action regarding selection of top five images from Foothills Art Center 150th Anniversary exhibit - After brief discussion, it was decided that the previously selected committee, (Lyndall McLetchie, Philip Baker and Mark Heller), will make the selection. Comments will be welcomed.

Other Business – Discussion/action regarding Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum request for support – Brenda Ohlschwager appeared on behalf of the Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum and apprised the Board of the status of their location change including renovations and costs involved in this transition. Although Ohlschwager did not request financial assistance in a specific dollar amount, she suggested that GURA may want to sponsor their “hidden gallery” or contribute to items such as the exterior building lights and/or the interior moveable display walls. Johnston advised that a decision will be made after Heller returns from leave.

Discussion/action regarding support for Congress for New Urbanism Conference in Denver – It was noted that Heller is clearly in favor of supporting CO-CNU; however, after brief discussion, it was determined that more information is necessary before a decision can be made. This matter will be re-addressed when Heller returns.

Discussion/action regarding potential for information kiosk at Coors tour lot - A brief discussion was held regarding the possibility of placing an informational kiosk at the Coors tour parking lot. NOTE: There was some question as to whether or not the parking lot is actually in the GURA district. It was later determined that it is in fact in the district. This discussion will continue at a later meeting.

Commissioners Concerns – Taylor mentioned that GURA’s business retention and attraction efforts were endorsed recently by the group attending the Mayor’s retail summit.

Lyttle reported that she has recently signed a contract with the Golden Hotel on behalf of the Colorado Bed & Breakfast Association, where their convention will be held in early November. This convention will bring approximately 100 to 120 people to Golden. She further noted that this Thursday through Saturday, April 30 through May 2, the Dove Inn will be donating 25% of all revenue received to the Table Mountain Animal Center, and asked that we spread the word to anyone who wants to do a get-away this weekend and benefit a good cause. She commented that she did notice some construction action at the Gateway Arch location.

Baker and Johnston also mentioned the construction at the Gateway Arch location.

Staff Report – Johnston summarized the Staff Report information contained in the packet. With regard to investigating urban renewal at the “Golden Point” area, Oxman noted that City Council decided to wait until after the neighborhood meeting with Vision 2030 and the East Street neighborhood meetings have been held. A discussion ensued. McBurney apprised the Board of the upcoming 12th anniversary of the Golden Visitors Center. Festivities for this event will be held Wednesday, May 6 from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. on the terrace and patio of the Center, as well as inside. This is a no cost event; however, rsvp is requested.

Public Comment – Sharon Wheatley reported on her recent meeting with the Messaging Committee for the Shop Local Campaign, a NREL event set April 30 which she has been invited to spread the good word of Golden, and an event to be held May 2 at the Governor’s Mansion in Denver promoting tourism that she and other Golden citizens will be participating in. She also noted that a group of travel writers will be coming to the Golden Hotel in mid May.

Bob Vermeulen commented that the new facades look great.

Adjourn -

There being no further business, Johnston called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. **Lyttle MOVED to adjourn the meeting. McLetchie SECONDED. All Commissioners present agreed.** Johnston adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Mark Heller
Executive Director

A.J. Johnston
Chair