

Golden Urban Renewal Authority

City of Golden, Colorado

Business Meeting

May 9, 2005

The Golden Urban Renewal Authority of the City of Golden, County of Jefferson, State of Colorado, met on the above date in the Golden City Council Chambers 911 10th Street, Golden, Colorado, at the hour of 6:30 p.m.

Commissioners present were:

Janet Green	Preston Driggers	Ted Bickart	Roya Stanley	

Behm, Benz and Tiberi were absent. Mark Heller, Debbie Ranguet, Diane Pasquarelli, Rick Gardner and Dave Ketchum were also in attendance.

Approval of Minutes

Stanley called for approval of the April 25, 2005, minutes. **Driggers MOVED to accept the minutes Bickart SECONDED. All Commissioners present agreed.**

Public Comment –

Pasquarelli inquired about Travel All going out of business. Bickart confirmed that they are closed and that calls are being taken at the same phone number by Traveler's Society. Pasquarelli asked for an update on GURA Board applications. Heller advised that no applications were received. Pasquarelli encouraged GURA to support the grant request submitted by Buffalo Rose.

Rick Gardner advised that the Alice Rose is closed and the space will be available for rent. There was discussion regarding available space in downtown Golden. Heller noted that the J. Lawrence Salon is moving out of Golden.

Reports of Committees/Matters for the Authority

Finance Committee – None

Human Resources Committee – None

Communications Committee – None

Development & Operations –None

Economic Development Commission Update –

Update from EDComm open house of May 3, 2005 – Heller advised that information was incomplete on May 3 so Steve Glueck will present the information at the GURA meeting in two weeks.

New Business

Discussion/action on grant request from Buffalo Rose – Heller presented a grant request from the Buffalo Rose for \$3,357. Heller noted that this request is the first received under the new grant guidelines and asked for comments and discussion regarding the spreadsheet evaluation. There was discussion. Heller will rearrange the spreadsheet with Restrictions and Prohibitions as pass/fail items followed by weighted criteria for Purpose and Guidelines. Stanley called for a motion to approve the

grant request. **Bickart MOVED to approve the Buffalo Rose grant request. Driggers SECONDED.** There was discussion regarding perceived health and safety issues within the grant guidelines and the need for GURA to get the word out about the grant program. **All commissioners present agreed.**

Discussion/action re process for revisions/additions to GURA – Heller advised that the Board decided to include this topic in the 2005 Work Plan and that there has been recent preliminary discussion at the City about adding areas to the GURA District. Heller noted that research was done to determine how the process works. Heller and Benedetti reviewed the statute and determined that once an Urban Renewal Authority is established, it becomes that Authority's duty to recommend to the City changes or additions for adding territory to existing urban renewal districts under the Urban Renewal Act. There was discussion regarding areas to be considered. Heller suggested that the Board actively start working on this issue to identify and evaluate redevelopment options so that recommendations could be made to the City. He added that another component of this process would be contacting property owners and educating them about the purpose of Urban Renewal Authorities. There was further discussion regarding land near the Jefferson County building and South Golden Road. Bickart asked for information and an elevation on the Tri County Workforce building under construction in that area. The Board suggested that Heller put together a project timeline for consideration.

There was discussion regarding SB05-224 that redefines how Urban Renewal Authorities can spend funds outside of the district and the potential risks of such spending.

Discussion/action re ex-officio membership offer from Rick Gardner – Heller introduced Rick Gardner and noted that Gardner expressed an interest in working with the GURA Board as an ex-officio commissioner as allowed for in the GURA bylaws. There was discussion regarding the pros and cons of such relationships. The Board agreed to put this issue on the agenda for the next meeting.

Commissioners Concerns – Green advised that this would be her last meeting and commented that she enjoyed working with everyone on the Board during her term. Driggers advised that he will be out of town for the next 19 days.

Staff Report

Heller reported that the re-finance is on-going.

Heller advised that Pat Kellenbenz informed him that in the past, GURA provided Downtown Merchants with U.S. flags. Heller has four flags on hand and purchased 10 more. The flags are available to the Downtown Merchants on a first come first serve basis.

Heller advised that he met with Bobby Ortega on banners and that supplies and fabric were ordered. Heller noted that a More Shops banner design was presented to the Downtown Merchants and ordered. He added that a decision regarding general banner re-design will be made by the end of the summer.

Heller presented a memo to the Board regarding bike rack design and selection. Rainguet noted that the Dero "Bike" bike rack was selected and would be ordered for installation within the next four weeks. Heller noted that the 2005 budget limit for 5 bike racks is \$3,750 and 7 of the Dero racks totals about \$3,800 including shipping and installation. There was discussion regarding the number of racks, future needs, and locations for the racks. There was additional discussion regarding the budget for benches and bike racks and available contingency funds. **Bickart made a MOTION to increase the total to \$10,000 at Heller's discretion used between benches and bike racks. Driggers SECONDED.** There was discussion. **The motion was amended to include bike signage. All commissioners present agreed.**

Heller advised that the Livability Conference is coming to Golden on June 17. Stanley, Driggers and Heller will attend.

Heller announced that the Foothills Art Center Sculpture Garden grand opening is scheduled for Saturday, July 16, from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. He asked the Board to advise if they will attend so that an R.S.V.P could be made. Driggers, Heller and Stanley will attend with guests. Heller will follow-up with the rest of the Board.

Heller advised that the City has not received any applications for the two open GURA Board positions. He anticipates that Behm will submit an application. If no applications are received, the deadline will be extended.

Heller reported that he met with Winston & Associates regarding the Streetscape study. Winston is working on drawings and will present a draft survey next Monday. He noted that results from the awning survey will be included in the visualization drawings.

Heller announced that GURA moved to the new office on Thursday. He noted that a sidewalk is being poured to the back door to provide ADA access and that the City has established a handicap parking space on Washington Avenue. Heller added that the previous tenants left a suite of office furniture and that the office includes a built-in desk in the Administrative area. Additional used file cabinets and wall partitions were purchased from Travel All.

There was discussion on the bike rack memo regarding clarification of costs for the wave-style bike racks compared to the "Bike" bike rack.

Public Comment –

Pasquarelli commented on the meeting discussions and the important work of GURA. Pasquarelli suggested two areas that should be considered for additions to the GURA District – the area north of Hwy. 58 to Iowa and east of Hwy. 93 where 60 homes are being considered, and Pine Ridge at Hwy 93 where 57 homes have been discussed. Pasquarelli suggested that GURA put its name and "urban renewal in action" on the bike racks and that information on the racks be distributed to the Chamber and included in visitor guides.

Heller advised that the newest sculpture, a miner, is being installed on the corner by Hesteds.

Pasquarelli commended the planning class on their great ideas for the GURA District and asked about public presentations of the Streetscape study. Heller advised that public workshops will be held. There was discussion regarding the Streetscape evaluation and whether the Clear Creek walk should be included. Heller noted that the International Downtown Association's Annual Conference will be held in Denver September 10 through 13 and is an opportunity to hear ideas for from all over the world.

Adjourn

There being no further business, Stanley adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Mark Heller
Executive Director

Roya Stanley
Chair