

Golden Urban Renewal Authority

City of Golden, Colorado

Business Meeting

May 11, 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
Ted Bickart				

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

Approval of Minutes -

Johnston called for a motion to approve the business meeting minutes of April 27, 2009. **Lyttle MOVED to approve the business meeting minutes. Taylor SECONDED. All Commissioners present agreed.**

Public Comment – Sharon Wheatley expressed concern in that the recently installed caissons for the Gateway Arch columns are extremely close to the traffic light signals. Johnston also noted his surprise and concern with the closeness of the caissons to the traffic light signal. Heller advised that the arch was designed with the traffic lights taken into consideration, and that it should work.

Reports of Committees/Matters for the Authority

Finance Committee – 1st Q Report – Heller reviewed the 1st Quarter Report with the Board as set forth in his Memorandum, and a brief discussion was held. The Board also discussed the fact that the pay phone on Washington Avenue on the west side of the arch is rarely used according to records obtained from the phone company and the Golden Police Department. **Johnston MOVED to remove said pay phone. Taylor SECONDED. All Commissioners present agreed.** Heller will amend the budget accordingly.

Human Resources Committee – none

Communications Committee – none

Development and Operations – Discussion/action regarding PV on Gateway Garage – Kirk Stokes with Solar Power, Inc. gave a detailed in-depth PV presentation to the Board. Discussion ensued. At Johnston’s request, Heller will contact the City of Pueblo seeking information on their PV installations, after which time this matter will be placed back on the agenda for further discussion.

Discussion/action regarding photo contest – The top three winning photographs were shown to the Board. Heller apprised the Board of the selection process to be used in determining the remaining photographs needed for the upcoming new downtown street pole banners.

Discussion/action regarding selection of top five images from Foothills Art Center 150th Anniversary exhibit - Heller advised that the top five images have been selected, and that public voting is now underway through the 27th of May. A discussion was held regarding placement of the banner and the south side of the Gateway Garage was chosen. Bickart suggested checking into producing a banner with a quilt pattern from the Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum.

Other Business –

Discussion/action regarding support for Congress for New Urbanism Conference in Denver – Heller advised the Board that CNU will be publishing a book on what they do, and that the cost for an ad 1/8th of a page in size costs \$500.00. Baker enquired as to how our support would benefit Golden and/or the GURA District. Heller commented that it could attract new urban developers. McLetchie was concerned in that if they are not successful in raising the funds necessary to publish the book, would the \$500.00 be returned to GURA. Heller will check into that matter, and if in fact a non-issue, the Board authorized Heller to use his discretion to pursue this ad up to \$500.00.

Discussion/action regarding business attraction and retention strategies, including potential for information kiosk at Coors tour lot - After discussion, including input from Sharon Wheatley, the Board decided to drop the kiosk idea at the Coors tour lot. With regard to a recent retail strategies brainstorming session, Heller sought the input of the Board regarding the eight ideas listed in his Meeting Memorandum. Discussion ensued. Heller will report the findings of the GURA Board at the next brainstorming session.

Commissioners Concerns – Bickart wasn't certain if he or Heller will be attending the Golden 2030 Meeting. It was decided that Bickart will attend.

Taylor expressed concern with the Golden Liquor Store sign at the corner of 13th Street and Ford. Heller will investigate first thing tomorrow morning before the work begins on the pavers and sidewalk.

Johnston previously passed along an enquiry about possibly placing lights on or near the banners hanging on the Gateway Garage so that they can be seen in the evening hours. Heller reported that he has not had an opportunity to check on lighting yet, but will soon.

Staff Report – With regard to the Gateway Arch, Heller reported that the caissons were supposed to be poured today. The Board decided that a plaque for the arch is in order, and reviewed proposed language for the plaque.

With regard to the Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum, Heller cautioned the Board that if we do a grant with them we need to make sure the help to that museum stays with that museum.

Heller noted that our next meeting will not be until June 8th, due to the Memorial Day holiday. Between now and then, he will be leading the CNU tour downtown and will be speaking at an Urban Land Institute Conference as well as the International Economic Development Council Conference in Denver.

Public Comment – With regard to PV, Sharon Wheatley expressed concern about hail damage. Heller advised that if we would decide to proceed with a Power Purchase Agreement, the company would be responsible for any damage and associated replacement costs. With regard to Heller's upcoming tour and conferences, Wheatley suggested that Heller may want to hand out Golden Tickets and explained the procedure for doing so.

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 8:20 p.m.

Mark Heller
Executive Director

A.J. Johnston
Chair