



GOLDEN URBAN RENEWAL AUTHORITY

Memorandum

To: GURA Board of Commissioners
From: Mark Heller, Executive Director
Date: June 18, 2008
RE: June 23, 2008 Meeting Memo

The following notes will assist in the discussion of agenda items for this meeting.

V4a. “Coors Corridor” preliminary drawings

GURA has retained Winston & Associates to suggest ways to upgrade the streetscape on 13th Street from Ford to Washington. Paul Kuhn from Winston will present the preliminary drawings to GURA for your consideration, and will also present to the Walkability Task Force. Staff will also organize a stakeholders meeting with adjacent property/business owners and other interested parties to review the drawings. This input will inform the final plan, which will be submitted to the City’s 2009-2019 Capital Improvement Plan budget for possible inclusion.

V4b. NexCore Mutual Waiver, and Gateway Garage Update

The Board will consider the Mutual Waiver Agreement. Staff and Counsel believe this Agreement addresses all of GURA’s concerns and recommend approval.

The spandrels have been stained and look good. Lot 4 paving was to have been paved this week, but is now delayed again. NexCore has finally accepted responsibility for installing the irrigation and that work is in process.

Lot 2 will be graded by NexCore once Gateway has completed construction. Paving or other treatment will be GURA’s responsibility. Staff would like the Board’s direction on whether to pave this lot, or whether to investigate other options such as gravel or turf.

VII. Strategic Planning/Retreat

This agenda item will allow discussion of retreat topics as listed on the agenda.

VIII. Staff Report

Shelton Mural/Banner: Installation is imminent. Discussions have begun to create a similar banner for the Golden Arts Fest.

Façade Improvement Project: We are working with several businesses and building owners to develop plans and budgets for façade and awning renovations. I have selected American Awning Company from four vendors to provide either a fabric or metal awning. Progress on this program has been quite slow owing in large measure to the landowner's/business owner's delays in finalizing designs and selecting contractors. We are attempting to expedite the process by contracting directly with architects to present preliminary concepts and hiring a contractor to be available for the ensuing work. An RFP for basic architectural designs will be distributed to architects within the GURA district this week.

Lot 2 and Lot 4 RFP

This RFP has been published to the GURA website and will appear in two consecutive issues of the Golden Transcript and two consecutive months of the Colorado Real Estate Journal. I gave a tour of downtown and of Gateway Station to one of the Journal's editors, and hope to see a story to accompany the RFP notice.

Painting Retaining Wall at 19th and Washington

We are soliciting another round of bids for painting or staining the retaining wall.