

Golden Urban Renewal Authority

City of Golden, Colorado

Business Meeting

June 25, 2007

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 6:50 p.m. Commissioners present were:

Preston Driggers	A.J. Johnston	Henry Tiberi	Paul Imse	Ted Bickart
Bill Fisher	Steve Taylor			

Mark Heller and Janis McBurney were also present. Councilor Oxman was absent.

Executive Session –

Bickart MOVED to go into the Executive Session for the purpose of determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategy for negotiations and/or instructing negotiators, under C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(e). The Executive Session began at 6:50 p.m. and ended at 7:49 p.m.

Bickart confirmed that the participants in the Executive Session included A.J. Johnston, Henry Tiberi, Paul Imse, Preston Driggers, Bill Fisher, Steve Taylor, Carolynne White, John Rossini, Mark Heller and Janis McBurney, and called for notification of any improper action in violation of the Open Meetings Law. Bickart acknowledged that there were none and moved to the next agenda item.

Approval of Minutes

Bickart called for a motion to approve the business meeting minutes of June 11, 2007. **Imse MOVED to approve the business meeting minutes. Driggers SECONDED.** Bickart called for any requests for changes or clarifications. Johnston noted that under Finance Committee, his name was incorrectly spelled and should be corrected. **All Commissioners present agreed.**

Public Comment – Prior to the Executive Session, Vicki Wagner was present and spoke to Heller regarding placing a memorial brick in honor of former city manager, Sharon Bennetts. Heller mentioned their conversation during the Public Comment section of the regular business meeting. A discussion was held. **Tiberi MOVED that we donate a brick and place it for Sharon Bennetts. Imse SECONDED. All commissioners present agreed.**

Reports of Committees/Matters for the Authority

Finance Committee – none

Human Resources Committee – none

Communications Committee – Heller gave an update on the status of the Annual Report. A brief discussion was held regarding the distribution area. Heller advised that GURA uses the same list that the City uses to distribute the Informer.

Development & Operations –

Discussion/action regarding Gateway Station dispute and project update – Heller asked for an actual direction from the Board to communicate with Carolynne White and write the letter that was discussed, but was not approved, in the Executive Session. **Driggers MOVED that we direct Heller to write a letter as discussed in the Executive Session. Imse SECONDED. All Commissioners present agreed.** A discussion was held regarding the construction progress, street closures, and the downtown merchants. Heller provided brief updates regarding the garage, and Jackson Court. A

discussion was held regarding available commercial space downtown, including the closing announcement by Foss and the announcement that the Buffalo Rose is for sale. GURA's surveys through the Downtown Character Committee were also discussed. Heller advised that we are going to try and find some consultants who can put together all of the different inputs, including what the citizens say they want, and what the demographics justify. Heller advised that this is definitely a high priority, and that any ideas regarding prospective tenants are welcomed.

Other Business –

Discussion/action regarding response to announcement of Foss closing this fall and retail marketing for downtown - This topic was discussed as noted above under Development and Operations.

Discussion/action re walkability – Imse gave a summary of the walkability meeting chaired by Dan Burton that he attended. Imse stated that Burton had interesting ideas with regard to traffic calming issues, and noted that Golden has a great start; however there are some areas that need some work. A discussion was held. Tiberi commented that he felt this was also an issue for law enforcement.

Commissioners Concerns -

Imse provided an update regarding the merchant's website program that we are working on with EdComm, and that hopefully within the next couple of weeks that Barb Warden will be getting started with them on their individual sites.

Driggers commented on Heller's co-op general store idea, stating that he found it quite interesting and to be an intriguing idea. Driggers mentioned that some years ago, he researched community corporations in depth.

Taylor mentioned a Gateway advertising letter that he received in the mail. A brief discussion was held regarding the posts on the downtown sidewalks, and safety walkability concerns related thereto. Taylor stated that he feels the awning project, in an effort to eliminate the posts, should be a high priority.

Fisher commented about people congregating and sitting on the trash cans on Washington Avenue, parking, spreading out downtown to include more than the main driving route, and the possibility of putting a new circulator bus in.

Bickart expressed his thanks for the opportunity to serve as Chair of GURA.

Staff Report – Heller provided updates on the Pocket Park, sustainability programming, the City's Performance Contract RFP audit, and the HotZone process. He advised that if all goes according to plan with the HotZone process, we hope to begin implementing in the last quarter of this year.

Public Comment – none

Adjourn

There being no further business, Bickart called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. **Tiberi MOVED to adjourn the meeting. Imse SECONDED. All Commissioners present agreed.** Bickart adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

Mark Heller
Executive Director

Ted Bickart
Chair