

# Golden Urban Renewal Authority

## City of Golden, Colorado

### Business Meeting

#### June 22, 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 – 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Golden, Colorado, at the hour of 6:30 p.m. Commissioners present were:

Lyndall McLetchie	Steve Taylor	Annette Lyttle	Ted Bickart	A.J. Johnston

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

### Approval of Minutes -

Johnston called for a motion to approve the business meeting minutes of June 8, 2009. **Bickart MOVED to approve the business meeting minutes. Johnston SECONDED.** Lyttle requested that the language be changed in the first sentence under Public Comment to read “more appealing to the public.” **All Commissioners present agreed as amended.**

### Public Comment –

### Reports of Committees/Matters for the Authority

**Finance Committee – Discussion/action regarding 2008 Audit –** Hard copies of the 2008 Audit were distributed to the Board. **Bickart MOVED to approve the audit in order to put it on the floor for discussion. Johnston SECONDED. All Commissioners present agreed.** Discussion ensued, including putting out a new RFP for the 2009 audit. Heller will include the language “expectation of some consistent auditors” in the RFP. **Bickart MOVED to table the motion until the next meeting. McLetchie SECONDED. All Commissioners present agreed.**

**Human Resources Committee –** none

**Communications Committee –** Heller noted that the newsletter has been mailed. He suggested putting out another newsletter before the next quarter as a way to solicit employer participation in the Community Services Block Grant that GURA will split with two other entities.

**Development and Operations – Discussion/action regarding PV and lighting efficiency on Gateway Garage and other sustainability programming –** Heller advised that he met with Lime Energy and discussed that meeting and supporting documentation contained in the packet with the Board. Heller will double-check on their stated cost savings of \$5,000 per year, and may also check with and get the opinion of Carl Walker. With regard to other sustainability programming, Heller did confirm that there is not a Thursday deadline to file a grant application for stimulus funding.

**Discussion/action regarding placement of Gateway Arch –** An Estimate of Probable Cost and drawings received from Paul Kuhn were distributed to the Board, and a discussion was held. Bickart expressed concern with what they are using for their nominal wind conditions calculations, and whether or not an estimate was made of what their wind cross-section is. It was decided that Bickart will discuss this matter with the architect and report back to Heller and the Board with his findings. Discussion continued. **Bickart MOVED that Heller be authorized to spend approximately \$10,000 if he can secure the approval of the City to lower the lights and shorten the arm which may necessitate taking out the left turn signal. Taylor SECONDED.** A discussion was held, after which time **the motion was amended in that Heller and Johnston will approve the design together before authorizing the changes. Taylor SECONDED. All Commissioners present agreed as amended.** Discussion

continued from the last meeting including painting the letters on the arch, the damaged manhole cover, the curb and gutter, installing conduit, and going ahead with the masonry.

**Other Business – Discussion/action regarding Golden Liquor Sign renovation** – The three design options contained in the packet were discussed. Heller will meet with the building owner and report back to the Board.

**Commissioners Concerns** – Bickart advised that he received notice of a Meet and Greet Accreditation Visitors from Parks and Recreation to be held June 30, and thought that we should have a representative there that can speak about what was done with the pocket park. Johnston stated he will be happy to attend. Bickart reflected on Baker's request to try and put the 150<sup>th</sup> birthday dvd of Golden on our website, and noted that we would no doubt need permission to do so. Heller will check into this matter.

Taylor expressed concern with the surface parking lot at 13<sup>th</sup> St. and Jackson St. in that it is an unnecessary eyesore and asked the Board to reconsider a previously mentioned idea that some sort of public space, possibly a park, be put at that location. Johnston and Bickart endorsed the idea. Heller will check with the CO Department of Public Health and Environment to make sure that a public space will work with the remediation, because the remediation plan contemplated redevelopment, and report back to the Board.

Lyttle advised that The Dove Inn recently hired Becky Taylor as an Assistant Inn Keeper for the summer. She asked that if we know of anyone who may be interested in a 20 hour per week position for the long term, that we send them her way. Lyttle commented that there was much praise for the new street light pole banners at the Golden Visitors Center Board Meeting held earlier today.

**Staff Report** – Heller reported that a pet store will be opening at Gateway Station by the end of the summer. He advised that Mike Bestor is holding two all day management team retreats to discuss the issue of budget strategizing for difficult times, the first of which will be held tomorrow.

**Public Comment** – Bill Fisher asked what we did with the old street light pole banners and was advised that they are in storage.

### **Adjourn -**

There being no further business, Lyttle called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. **Bickart MOVED to adjourn the meeting. Johnston SECONDED. All Commissioners present agreed.** Lyttle adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Mark Heller  
Executive Director

Annette Lyttle  
Chair