

Review of HPB/GURA Open House 7/19/04

Members of GURA, the city, and HPB met to discuss cooperative projects relating to downtown improvements. It was decided that the representative members who attended the meeting would present the ideas from the discussion to their respective boards and that each board would appoint a few members to be part of a smaller joint committee. This joint committee would be tasked with creating a list of specific projects for the groups to consider undertaking. Possible projects include the following.

- 1) Improving rapport between building owners and boards as well as amongst individual business owners through such means as a business owners' newsletter.
- 2) Using planning software to create images of what a new historically renovated downtown might look like in order to garner support and enthusiasm for possible improvements.
- 3) Creating a historic district downtown.
- 4) Creating a prioritized list of buildings to be targeted for renovation.
- 5) Establishing a small group of consultants/architects/experts that could give recommendations to building owners regarding ways to comply with codes while maintaining or improving historic character.
- 6) Working with the city, building owners, GURA, and the planning commission to develop new guidelines and regulation for downtown to be implemented in section 18.40.
- 7) Visiting with boards in Fort Collins to discuss any benefits or difficulties encountered before, during, and after the historic renovation of their downtown.

Fort Collins

Public/Private Financial Incentives For Historic Preservation

Colorado Historic Preservation Tax Credits

Federal Investment Tax Credits

State Historical Fund Grants

Local Landmark Rehabilitation Grants

Ft. Collins Design Assistance Program

DDA Façade Grants

CDBG (Community Development Block Grants are HUD funds disbursed by the County)

LDC Low Interest Loans

Tax Increment Financing

Affordable Housing Tax Credits