

Golden Urban Renewal Authority

City of Golden, Colorado

Business Meeting

July 13, 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:

Lyndall McLetchie	Steve Taylor	Annette Lyttle	Ted Bickart	A.J. Johnston
Philip Baker	Paul Imse (via phone)			

Mark Heller and Janis McBurney were also present.

Approval of Minutes -

Lyttle called for a motion to approve the annual meeting minutes of June 22, 2009. **Bickart MOVED to approve the annual meeting minutes. Taylor SECONDED. All Commissioners present agreed.** Lyttle also called for a motion to approve the business meeting minutes of June 22, 2009. **Johnston MOVED to approve the business meeting minutes. Baker SECONDED.** Johnston noted that the first sentence under Approval of Minutes should read “Lyttle called for a motion” instead of “Johnston called for a motion.” **All Commissioners present agreed, as amended.**

Public Comment –

Reports of Committees/Matters for the Authority

Finance Committee – Discussion/action regarding 2008 Audit – Bickart’s Motion to Approve the 2008 Audit that was tabled at the June 22 meeting was approved and agreed upon by all Commissioners.

Human Resources Committee – none

Communications Committee – Heller stated that a special edition newsletter regarding the “back to work” grant will be published in the near future.

Development and Operations – Discussion/action regarding support for Shop Local campaign – After discussion, Bickart MOVED for ratification of basic site cost items 1 – 3 totaling \$2100 as set forth in Barb Warden’s letter of June 22, contained in the packet. Imse SECONDED. All Commissioners present agreed. Discussion continued on items 4 – 6. Heller and Warden will discuss these items further and report back to the Board.

Discussion/action regarding RFP for PV and lighting efficiency on Gateway Garage – After discussion, it was decided that Heller will publish a RFP for both projects.

Discussion/action regarding Gateway Arch revisions – Heller provided an update to the Board noting that the traffic light arm will be shortened and lowered; however, he has not yet received the schedule as to when the work will begin.

Other Business – Discussion/action regarding concept for side street business advertising – With regard to Steve Glueck’s letter and policy proposal contained in the packet, a lengthy discussion was held. Taylor MOVED that GURA express their support on one of the two options contained in the proposal from Precision Sign Company, either the single version or double version sign, on the corner streets of Washington Avenue, in the event that Council approves this approach

instead of the current sandwich board signs. **Bickart SECONDED.** Further discussion ensued. **The motion PASSED 4 to 3, with Commissioners Taylor, Bickart, Imse and Lyttle voting for the motion and Commissioners McLetchie, Johnston and Baker voting against the motion.** Baker will convey said support to EDComm.

Appoint EDComm liaison alternate – Johnston MOVED that Taylor be appointed as the EDComm liaison alternate. Baker SECONDED. All Commissioners present agreed.

Meeting with City Council on 7/16/09 – Heller advised that GURA has been moved on the agenda and requested that the Board be there before 7:30 p.m.

Discussion/action regarding Back to Work grant – Heller advised that they are waiting for the county to sign the contract with the state, after which time we can proceed. Upon request from GURA's bookkeeper Eileen Long, Heller will find out if the grant includes payroll taxes, and if not, who will be responsible to pay these taxes.

Discussion/action regarding redevelopment options for Lots 2 and 4 – Heller reported that the remediation plan on Lots 2 and 4 does allow for a park or public use area on those lots. Lengthy discussion ensued. The Board and staff will informally seek input on this idea from folks around town.

Discussion/action regarding additional funding for web site program – Heller advised that interest in this program continues, and asked for the Board's continued support. **Bickart MOVED that \$6,000 be added to this budget item in order to continue this program. Johnston SECONDED. All Commissioners present agreed.**

Discussion/action regarding input on prioritizing ideas generated at April '09 retail summit – Heller noted that he will be attending round two of the retail summit on July 15, and sought input from the Board to report to that group. Discussion ensued.

Discussion/action regarding Resolution #83 regarding order of business in a meeting – Bickart MOVED that Resolution 83 be adopted. Imse SECONDED. All Commissioners present agreed.

Commissioners Concerns – McLetchie commented that recently she has received two negative reports on the condition of the public restroom on 12th Street. Heller advised that City staff is responsible for cleaning and stocking this restroom.

Johnston noted that he attended the Accreditation Meeting at Parks and Recreation, and that it was nothing more than a kick-off. John Spice commented that this meeting was a physical inspection, as part of the accreditation process.

Taylor commented that the bridge over Hwy 58 is almost complete, it is very wide, and expressed concern with speeding vehicles. Brief discussion ensued regarding speed signage and the possibility of a speed bump. He asked if we will be allowed to put our banners on the bridge. Heller will check into this matter.

Imse asked if we will be continuing the holiday lights north to include the new bridge. Heller will check into this matter as well.

Lyttle advised that she will be unable to attend the next meeting. She asked if we were going to be putting one of the new banners on the street light pole in front of City Hall. Heller reported that we will as soon as we receive more brackets, which have been on order.

Staff Report – Heller commented that the GURA office recently purchased a new office printer/copier.

Public Comment – John Spice asked who is responsible for the maintenance of the Gateway Garage, and was advised that GURA is. He reported some rusty iron work in the garage. Heller advised that he is currently taking bids to remedy that matter. With regard to the sandwich boards, he asked who has been complaining, and further enquired about other advertising items on the sidewalks. Lyttle advised that the City has not been enforcing existing regulations, and commented that this is really a

question for Steve Glueck, Director of Planning and Development. Spice commented that he likes Johnston's idea for a downtown park at 13th and Jackson.

Barb Warden stated that she needs some stories about why we like to shop in downtown Golden, and asked for the Board's participation.

Adjourn -

There being no further business, Lyttle called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. **Baker MOVED to adjourn the meeting. McLetchie SECONDED. All Commissioners present agreed.** Lyttle adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Mark Heller
Executive Director

Annette Lyttle
Chair