

Golden Urban Renewal Authority

City of Golden, Colorado

Business Meeting

July 27, 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	Philip Baker	Ted Bickart	A.J. Johnston
Paul Imse (via phone)				

Mark Heller and Janis McBurney were also present. Annette Lyttle was absent.

Approval of Minutes -

Baker called for a motion to approve the business meeting minutes of July 13, 2009. **Bickart MOVED to approve the business meeting minutes. McLetchie SECONDED. All Commissioners present agreed.**

Public Comment – Mayor Jacob Smith stated that every city councilor will try to attend at least one GURA meeting this year, and that he is here in that capacity. He answered questions from the Board regarding the sandwich board proposal, the suggested “park” space on GURA’s Lot 2, the Northwest Parkway, and the 13th Street streetscape. Imse commented that he felt communication was better when Councilor Oxman acted in the capacity of GURA liaison as opposed to each councilor trying to attend one of our meetings. Mayor Smith stated that this matter will be re-evaluated at the end of the year.

Reports of Committees/Matters for the Authority

Finance Committee – Discussion/action regarding 2nd Quarter Financial Report – Heller advised that the report was reviewed and approved by Golden’s Finance Director, Jeff Hansen.

Human Resources Committee – none

Communications Committee – none

Development and Operations – Discussion/action regarding redevelopment options for Lots 2 & 4 – With regard to Johnston’s suggestion to put a public park type space on Lot 2, a discussion was held. Johnston noted that he has spoken with several people about this matter, including Rod Tarullo, Director of Parks, Recreation and Golf, and has received favorable responses from all. A discussion was held including: can it be funded, is it an appropriate size for a park, and putting it out to the public for their input. **Johnston MOVED that we explore the feasibility of creating a park on Lot 2 and get input from the Park and Recreation District and citizens to that end. Taylor SECONDED.** Further discussion ensued. Heller suggested that we propose a range of options and that we commission a landscape architect to come up with designs to present to the public. **All Commissioners present, except Imse, agreed. The motion PASSED.** Heller will set up a meeting with Parks and Recreation. With regard to developing Lot 4, Baker suggested having an open RFP. Heller commented that this could easily be done.

Discussion/action regarding 7/16 meeting with City Council – Heller summarized the 7/16 meeting with City Council as noted in his Memorandum contained in the packet.

Discussion/action regarding second “retail summit” - Heller briefed the Board on the Retail Summit as noted in the packet Memorandum. He commented that they really like the cinema idea and encouraged him to work hard to make that happen.

Other Business – Discussion/action regarding grant request from Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum – Brenda Ohlschwager appeared on behalf of the Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum. She provided an update on their previously received website grant and advised that the new gallery is open. Further, she reviewed the figures and answered questions in support of the museum's current grant request. After discussion and after hearing all of the grant requests on the agenda this evening, **Imse MOVED to provide a grant to RMQM in the amount of \$4,000. Taylor SECONDED.** Further discussion ensued. **Johnston MOVED to amend the motion to the amount of \$10,000. Baker SECONDED.** The amendment **PASSED.** All Commissioners present, except Imse, agreed. The motion **PASSED** in the amount of \$10,000.

Discussion/action regarding grant request from Foothills Art Center – Reilly Sanborn, Steve Urdahl and Wade Gardner appeared on behalf of the Foothills Art Center. They provided information and figures in support of their grant request for the DocuWest Film Festival. After discussion and after hearing all of the grant requests on the agenda this evening, **Imse MOVED to provide a grant to FAC in support of the DocuWest Film Festival in the amount of \$2500. Johnston SECONDED.** All Commissioners present agreed.

Discussion/action regarding grant request from Woody's Pizza – John Bortles appeared on behalf of Woody's Pizza and gave a presentation in support of their grant request to assist with a solar PV system. After discussion and after hearing all of the grant requests on the agenda this evening, **Johnston MOVED to provide a grant to assist with the proposed solar PV system in the amount of \$4500. McLetchie SECONDED.** Further discussion ensued. **The motion PASSED 4 to 2, with Johnston, McLetchie, Bickart and Baker voting in favor of the grant and Taylor and Imse voting against the grant.**

Discussion/action regarding grant request from Zelda Fortner – Heller apprised the Board of the details of Fortner's grant request to assist with painting the building located at 922 Washington Ave. After discussion and after hearing all of the grant requests on the agenda this evening, **Taylor MOVED that Fortner's grant request to assist with painting be denied. Imse SECONDED.** All Commissioners present agreed.

Discussion/action regarding support for Hurricane Fish House – Maurice Couturier appeared on behalf of the Hurricane Fish House & Oyster Bar new restaurant business proposal. Heller provided background information and noted that if approved, this would be a similar sales TIF transaction as was done with Grappa Mediterranean Bistro. After discussion, **Johnston MOVED that GURA support said business proposal. Taylor SECONDED. Imse MOVED that the motion be tabled until the next board meeting.** Further discussion ensued, including the matter of parking. In order to research increment and parking issues associated with this proposal, **it was agreed that this matter is tabled until the next meeting on August 10.**

Discussion regarding potential GURA projects in northern part of district – Taylor proposed that the Board make time to tour the northern side of the district (north of the creek) to see what opportunities may be there. The Board decided to tour immediately before the next meeting. The tour will begin at 5:30 p.m. on August 10.

Discussion regarding improving feedback from GURA constituents – Given the number of grant requests this evening, Taylor agreed with Heller in that we are obviously getting good feedback from GURA constituents; however, he suggested a vision session in furtherance of improving feedback. Bickart suggested that we mention in our newsletter and possibly the city's newsletter that we always welcome public comment at all GURA meetings.

Commissioners Concerns – Bickart requested an update on the liquor store at 13th St. and Ford St., which Heller provided. Bickart also enquired about the status of the sidewalk paver's installation around the new Gateway Arch, which Heller provided as well.

Baker gave a recap of the last EDComm meeting.

Staff Report – Heller advised that he met with Ted Johnson from Blue Canyon Bar & Grill, and that they may be moving into the last space in Foss, including a downstairs area. He commented that he heard that Golden City Brewery is looking for additional space. He also provided an update on the cinema research.

Public Comment – John Spice reiterated his agreement with Johnston on the park idea for Lot 2. He noted that he is a candidate for City Council in Ward 3, and that the proposed park location is in Ward 3. He further commented that typically the Lion’s Club, which he is a member of, donates time, labor and money to the Parks Department, and would likely support this idea. Spice would like to see this space as a public gathering place.

Adjourn -

There being no further business, Baker called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. **Bickart MOVED to adjourn the meeting. Johnston SECONDED. All Commissioners present agreed.** Baker adjourned the meeting at 9:50 p.m.

Mark Heller
Executive Director

Philip Baker
Vice Chair