

Golden Urban Renewal Authority

City of Golden, Colorado

Business Meeting

July 28, 2008

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	A. J. Johnston	Philip Baker	Annette Lyttle

Councilor Oxman, Mark Heller and Janis McBurney were also present. Ted Bickart and Paul Imse were absent.

Approval of Minutes

Johnston called for a motion to approve the business meeting minutes of July 28, 2008. **Baker MOVED to approve the business meeting minutes. McLetchie SECONDED.** Lyttle mentioned a typographical error to be corrected. **All Commissioners present agreed as amended.**

Public Comment – none

Reports of Committees/Matters for the Authority

Finance Committee – Discussion/action regarding 2nd Quarter 2008 Financial Report – Heller advised that he, Jeff Hansen and Eileen Long have continued the revision of the financial reporting format. Hansen briefed the Board on the new format, and the changes, which have resulted in a much clearer report, were discussed with the Board. Heller sought the Board's input as to whether the contingency applies to the project budget or the full budget. A discussion was held. It was decided that the contingency will be applied to the project and community grant budgets. Heller was authorized to use the contingency for project and community grant budget line items without prior Board approval, but was directed to seek Board approval if the contingency needed to be used for other budget line items. Hansen recommended that the contingency remain at the bottom of the expenditure list.

Discussion/action regarding 2008 Budget Amendments – Heller advised the Board of changes pursuant to the new financial reporting format. He explained that most are not new costs. They are breakouts of costs embedded elsewhere in the budget. A discussion was held. **Lyttle MOVED that the budget be amended as requested and explained by Heller. McLetchie SECONDED. All Commissioners present agreed.**

Colorado Business Bank Loan Update – Heller gave an update on the Colorado Business Bank loan, and advised of monies left to draw after its Gateway Station obligations are fulfilled. A brief discussion was held.

Human Resources Committee – none

Communications Committee – Heller advised the Board of feedback received – both positive and negative - on the GURA Newsletter.

Development and Operations – Discussion/action regarding Coors Corridor design recommendation and 13th and Ford monument – Heller provided the design drawings to the Board in an effort to finalize recommendations to City Council regarding the preferred Coors Corridor design. A design prepared by Commissioner Imse was submitted for consideration, as well. After discussion, including consideration of the input received from the business owners who attended the previous

meeting, and estimated costs involved, it was decided that Heller will forward the Board's recommendation of design "D" to the City Manager for forwarding to City Council. With regard to the arch/monument idea to signify the existence of a historic downtown presented at the previous meeting by Sharon Wheatley, a discussion was held. Heller will attempt to have some basic cost and design information available at the next meeting.

Discussion/action following report of business retention/attraction committee: Lyttle summarized the recommendations of the GURA Development and Operations Committee August 2008 Business Attraction and Retention Study contained in the packet. The Work Plan was discussed as well. **Lyttle MOVED to adopt the suggestions of the Business Retention and Attraction Committee. Baker SECONDED. All Commissioners present agreed.** It was noted that this is not prioritized above the façade program and the redevelopment of lots 2 and 4.

Gateway Station Update – Heller advised that asphalt was removed last week, and that he is awaiting a response as to whether or not what exists now is the finished grading. He is still trying to finalize the tree grates and irrigation system. He commented that the brokerage firm for Gateway Station has changed to SullivanHayes. He further advised that Holland Construction erred in naming GURA in their lien, and that that matter has been dismissed.

Other Business – Discussion with chairpersons of bike and walkability task forces – Lloyd Athearn appeared on behalf of the Walkability Task Force, and Leon Oxman appeared on behalf of the Bikeability Task Force. They apprised the Board of their task forces' findings, priorities and recommendations, and a discussion was held.

Presentation by John McCallister / EMC Engineers regarding photovoltaic installation concept – This agenda item will be moved to the August 25, 2008 meeting.

Discussion/action regarding 150th Committee's request for \$10,000 to partially fund a laser light show – After discussion, the Board agreed to honor the request of the 150th Committee for \$10,000 to partially fund a laser light show contingent upon them receiving the rest of the funding involved.

Commissioners Concerns – Commissioner McLetchie commented that she and Commissioner Baker spoke with Reilly Sanborn, Foothills Art Center, regarding a banner art project.

Commissioner Taylor mentioned that City Council is seeking a series of presentations regarding what transportation should look like in downtown Golden. Councilor Oxman advised of speakers currently scheduled. Should GURA decide to provide input, it will be provided to Oxman on behalf of City Council.

Commissioner Baker expanded on Commissioner McLetchie's comment stating that they did speak with Ms. Sanborn at Foothills Art Center regarding community input on the second banner for the Gateway garage, and that Ms. Sanborn has ideas that she would like to share with the Board. Sanborn will be invited to speak at the next GURA meeting on August 25.

Commissioner Lyttle commented that she has ideas about transit in Golden that she will bring to the Board at upcoming meetings. She noted that the roundabout on South Golden Road has been completed.

Staff Report – Heller gave an update on the hot zone situation. He apprised the Board of his upcoming vacation and conference schedule, and the need to prepare the agenda and packet a week in advance of the next meeting. McBurney advised that the painters have started working on the retaining wall at 19th Street and Washington Avenue, and should be completed shortly.

Public Comment – none

Adjourn

There being no further business, Johnston called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. **Lyttle MOVED to adjourn the meeting. Baker SECONDED. All Commissioners present agreed.** Johnston adjourned the meeting at 9:25 p.m.

Mark Heller
Executive Director

A.J. Johnston
Chair

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