



# GOLDEN URBAN RENEWAL AUTHORITY

## Memorandum

To: GURA Board of Commissioners  
From: Mark Heller  
Date: September 6, 2007  
RE: Draft of Downtown Character Plan

This lengthy document will become the final draft of the Downtown Character Plan. It contains the combined efforts over the past year and half of members of GURA, the Planning Commission, the Historic Preservation Board, and the Parks & Recreation Board. This “Downtown Character Committee” intends to forward the final draft with your comments to City Council on October 4.

The document is intended to reflect public input regarding the future of downtown, and to translate that input into various policies, regulations, and programs.

The main portion of the report is approximately 35 pages. The first three chapters summarize and describe the goals, current conditions, methodology of the committee, and current planning documents. The fourth chapter presents research results and analysis for the top issues from this process. The fifth chapter offers a few recommendations and next steps.

The appendices will contain the proposed new downtown design guidelines, as well as the surveys, the CCRA report, and the unabridged citizen comments. The draft of the downtown design guidelines will be forwarded separately. Due to the length of the citizen comments section (66 pages), it is not included in this hard copy, but it is posted at <http://gura.com/AppendixDCitizenInput.pdf>.