

# Golden Urban Renewal Authority

## City of Golden, Colorado

### Business Meeting

### Sept 14, 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 Conference Room at 911 – 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Golden, Colorado, at the hour of 6:30 p.m. Commissioners present were:

Lyndall McLetchie	Steve Taylor	Philip Baker	Annette Lyttle	A.J. Johnston
Paul Imse (arrived 6:40)				

Mark Heller and Janis McBurney were also present. Commissioner Bickart was absent.

### Approval of Minutes -

Lyttle called for a motion to approve the business meeting minutes of Aug 24, 2009. **Johnston MOVED to approve the business meeting minutes. Baker SECONDED. All Commissioners present agreed. Imse** arrived at 6:40 and **MOVED to amend the minutes** under Commissioners Concerns, first paragraph, last sentence to read “sound problem downtown” instead of “sound problem at the Buffalo Rose.” **McLetchie SECONDED. All Commissioners present agreed as amended.**

**Public Comment** – Vicki Wagner expressed her opposition to a park on Lot 2, which included her agreement with the position of the Golden Chamber of Commerce. Peter Gotseff with the Parks and Recreation Board expressed his support of a park on Lot 2 as a citizen, and suggested that we talk to urban planners and look into it further. John Haggstrom, Gateway Station resident, expressed concern with the noise and smell of the proposed Hurricane Fish House. He provided a copy of a letter that the Gateway Station residents presented to City Council on August 24. Karen Oxman also appeared regarding the proposed park on Lot 2, and advised that her earlier objections were mainly budgetary; however, she is now in support of a park in that location if that is what GURA chooses to do, and set forth her reasons for said support.

### Reports of Committees/Matters for the Authority

**Finance Committee – 2010 budget preview and schedule** - Heller answered questions propounded by the Board regarding the preliminary list of projects for 2010, contained in the packet. He pointed out that the Board must decide by the October 26 meeting if GURA is going to draw on the Colorado Business Bank loan.

**Human Resources Committee** – none

**Communications Committee** – none

**Development and Operations – Discussion/action regarding redevelopment options for Lot 2** – A discussion was held, ideas shared and concerns were addressed regarding possibilities for the proposed park. Johnston addressed Vicki Wagner and the Chamber’s concern noting that there are plenty of places for future development in Golden, and that a park on Lot 2 could accomplish bringing people to town who may shop at several local businesses, as opposed to one new business being built on that site. Demographics were discussed. Funding was also discussed. Lyttle proposed that the Development and Operations Committee meet and work on funding and vision. Johnston suggested that Heller send a letter to Parks and Recreation stating that our committee would like to work with their committee. Heller will schedule a sub-committee meeting with both boards and an EDAA planner to determine what is actually feasible. Heller will also publish an open RFP for both lots, as previously directed.

**Discussion/action regarding sales TIF support for Hurricane Fish House** – Heller advised that it looks like we could support Hurricane Fish House in addition to Grappa. Discussion ensued.

**Discussion/action regarding holiday light proposal for Hwy 58 bridge** – A fading snowflakes display was presented to the Board. Discussion ensued, including Lyttle's concern that she feels they would be too distracting to drivers to be placed on the bridge, and that she prefers snowflakes that do not fade. Johnston suggested checking with the Police Department on this matter. Taylor questioned whether the snowflakes would be on the inside or outside of the bridge. The views from each side were discussed. Imse mentioned possibly outlining the bridge with lights, instead. Heller will get an estimate for outlining the bridge with LED string lights.

**Discussion/action regarding CSBG-R business response** – Heller advised that we have received positive response on this program; however, we do not have a contract as yet.

**Discussion/action regarding URA working group update** – Heller began by summarizing the Suggestions To Begin Discussion on page 3 of the Counties And Cities Urban Renewal Discussion hand-out contained in the packet. Discussion ensued and Heller answered questions propounded by the Board. Heller noted that he and Lyttle will be meeting with State Representative Max Tyler on this matter tomorrow, which will include a walking tour of the GURA District.

**Other Business** – none

**Commissioners Concerns** – Imse suggested putting a plaque, such as the one on the Gateway Arch, on the Gateway Garage. He enquired about the RFP for Lots 2 and 4, and was advised that it will be completed shortly.

Baker provided an update of the last EDComm meeting, and noted that they are in need of board applicants. He advised that he attended the Board's and Commission's recent training session hosted by CML, and shared insight from that meeting. He further advised that he and Heller are meeting with the Vice President of Operations of Coors Tek next week to discuss their long-term vision. Heller will invite Glueck to attend the meeting, as well.

Johnston advised that he will not be able to attend the September 28 meeting.

Taylor advised that he will not be able to attend the cinema meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup>; however, he will send others in his place. He asked about the status of the traffic arm situation at the Gateway Arch location.

Lyttle commented on Baker's recent CML training, noting a potential conflict with the way we handle motions. She noted that the material says that after the motion is seconded, the presiding officer shall restate the motion to the assembly, and the motion that is adopted officially is the one stated by the presiding officer, and not the one stated by the maker of the original motion. She advised that she will attempt to follow this procedure in the future.

**Staff Report** – Heller advised that he received a call from Bob Lowry about the condition of the mural on the south side of the Foss building, and they are exploring what it would take to either repaint the mural on the wall or on steel panels that they would attach to the wall. He asked if this was something that GURA might consider to assist with the funding. Bids ranged from \$15,000 to \$20,000, not including the steel panels. Discussion ensued. This item will be put on the agenda for the next meeting. Heller apprised the Board of the status of the pavers at the Gateway Arch location, the upcoming cinema meeting, sidewalk power washing, the fall/winter banners, and the painting of Golden Liquors. He advised of the upcoming Civic Foundation Dinner/Auction. Imse asked about the status of the sandwich board signs issue and also the welcome/traffic speed signs, which Heller provided. Heller noted that intern interviews are scheduled for Friday. Taylor asked if Woody's started their pv project yet. Heller advised that they have not.

**Public Comment** – Barb Warden commented on the historical aspects of the Foss mural and feels that if GURA can support it, they should. She noted that she feels that EDComm is really hard to track, (no agenda and no minutes), and asked if there was anything that Baker could do in that regard.

With regard to the proposed park, she mentioned that perhaps a concession of some kind could join with us in this effort, and provided examples.

## **Adjourn -**

There being no further business, Lyttle called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. **Johnston MOVED to adjourn the meeting. Imse SECONDED. All Commissioners present agreed.** Lyttle adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Mark Heller  
Executive Director

Annette Lyttle  
Chair