



GOLDEN URBAN RENEWAL AUTHORITY

Memorandum

To: GURA Board of Commissioners
From: Mark Heller, Executive Director
Date: September 16, 2008
RE: September 22, 2008 Meeting Memo

The following notes will assist in the discussion of agenda items for this meeting.

V4a. 13th Street Monument

Winston & Associates has estimated it would cost approximately \$4,000 to prepare three detailed design options for an arch spanning 13th Street west of Ford Street. The Board's direction is requested on whether to engage Winston for this work.

V4b. Discussion re Surface Treatment for Lot 2

The Board previously deferred a decision on the surface treatment for Lot 2 until it had reviewed the redevelopment proposals for Lot 2. This meeting is the earliest opportunity following the submission of proposals to make a decision on this issue, although more time might be needed to fully review the proposals.

V4c. Banner Design Contest

At a prior meeting with Reilly Sanborn, the Board had expressed its interest in jointly conducting a design contest with Foothills Art Center to select a work of art related to Golden's 150th Anniversary that would be enlarged as a banner. The contest was to coincide with an exhibition at Foothills that was scheduled for January, but that has been pushed back at least one month giving us a bit more time to plan.

VII. Grant Request for Clear Creek Books

The owners of Clear Creek Books have requested a small grant to promote e-commerce as detailed in their letter included in the meeting packet.

VI2. Interactive Maps

Barb Warden will demonstrate the series of interactive maps soon to be posted to the GURA and Online Golden websites that will help visitors find or select their downtown destinations.

VI3. Street Pole Banner Photography Contest

During discussions on the re-design of the street pole banners, an idea surfaced about using photographs of the various sports and seasonal landscapes available around Golden. These photographs could be purchased from a professional photographer, stock photo agency, or solicited via a public contest. Direction is requested from the Board.

VIII. Staff Report

Facade Program: Ewers Architecture has completed the designs for all buildings and we are gathering bids to prepare permit applications. Spirits in the Wind and Image Designers will need to be reviewed by the Historic Preservation Board since those buildings have been designated as local historic properties. That review will be on October 6, 2008. It is quite possible that construction delays associated with winter and the holiday shopping season could push these projects into next year. Given the Board's previous direction that all work was to be completed by the end of this year, I would like input as to whether the Board would be inclined to continue funding for the projects into next year.

Bowling Alley Point:

Henry Tiberi collected signatures from about a dozen property owners around this area requesting that the city inform the property owners about urban renewal and begin discussions with them about what their priorities are and whether urban renewal could help them. We have scheduled a meeting for September 25 to begin this conversation.

Banners:

We have selected three paintings and will soon schedule them for photography and graphic design.

X. Summary of Responses to Lots 2 & 4 RFP

This will be discussed in Executive Session.