

Golden Urban Renewal Authority

City of Golden, Colorado

Business Meeting

September 10, 2007

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:

Henry Tiberi	Steve Taylor	A.J. Johnston	Preston Driggers	Bill Fisher
Paul Imse				

Mark Heller and Janis McBurney were also present. Henry Tiberi arrived at 6:50 p.m. Councilor Oxman arrived at 6:35 p.m. Ted Bickart was absent.

Approval of Minutes

Johnston called for a motion to approve the business meeting minutes of August 27, 2007. **Imse MOVED to approve the business meeting minutes. Driggers SECONDED. All Commissioners present agreed.**

Public Comment – Vicki Wagner commented that she believes in GURA's mission, and mentioned the upcoming election.

Reports of Committees/Matters for the Authority

Finance Committee – Heller gave a re-cap of his meeting with Darryl Schulte of the Colorado Business Bank, and a discussion was held.

Human Resources Committee – none

Communications Committee – Imse mentioned that it was time to begin preparations for the 2007 Annual Report.

Development & Operations –

Discussion/action regarding Gateway Station dispute and project update – Heller stated that he had received a letter from Nexcore in which they agreed to toll the disputes regarding the Xcel costs until the completion of the project. Heller advised that the construction is proceeding on schedule. With regard to the color of the parking garage grills, a vote was taken. Johnston then called for a motion to paint the grills. **Driggers MOVED that we authorize the grills on the parking garage to be painted black. Taylor SECONDED. All commissioners present agreed.**

Review of Downtown Character Plan final draft – Imse requested feedback from the Board on the draft of the Downtown Character Plan, which was provided, and a lengthy discussion was held. Tiberi asked how the draft would potentially affect property owners and the procedure involved, and further discussion was held. Heller advised that if City Council so directs, the draft could go to the Planning Commission and that they would hold public hearings about it, after which time the Planning Commission would make a recommendation to City Council, which council could then act on, with public comment at each stop. Oxman remarked that the Downtown Character Plan draft should be shorter and to the point. In an effort to make the draft simpler and clearer to absorb, Heller will modify the draft to include an Executive Summary.

Hot Zone Update – Heller advised that Affinity C-Com has been chosen to construct and operate the regional wireless network. Contract negotiations have begun. A discussion was held.

Other Business –

Discussion/action regarding update to holiday light display - Heller led a lengthy discussion regarding upgrading our holiday light display to include using only LED lights, and advised that after calculating our current contributions to this effort, we are still approximately \$15,000 short from obtaining this goal. **Imse MOVED that GURA contribute an additional \$5,000 toward the holiday lights. Tiberi SECONDED.** Heller stated that \$5,000 would not accomplish our goals. **Imse WITHDREW the original motion. Tiberi MOVED that we contribute an additional \$15,000 to the holiday lights. Fisher SECONDED.** After more lengthy discussion, a vote was held, and the **motion FAILED.** It was decided that this will be revisited at the next meeting, with more information.

Approve Resolution 71 authorizing Karin Dobbs access to sales tax records – Heller advised that GURA has a new bookkeeper, Karin Dobbs. **Driggers MOVED to approve Resolution 71. Imse SECONDED. All commissioners present agreed.**

Commissioners Concerns -

Driggers passed around a summary which he prepared relative to the article on downtown trends contained in the Board packet.

Fisher commented that he feels he needs a better understanding of the budget before being able to proceed with the holiday lights upgrade issue.

Taylor passed out a spreadsheet he prepared regarding setting priorities relating to the Golden Sustainability Initiative, and a brief discussion was held resulting in scheduling this for further discussion at the next meeting.

Oxman commented on the issue of GURA sunseting in 2014. She also shared a sketch of Parfet Park that she prepared with regard to the location of the band shell.

Staff Report – In response to Fishers' concern, Heller advised that the GURA Work Plan sets forth budget limits for work plan items and the decision-making to fund projects is made on availability of funds through the year. A brief discussion was held.

Public Comment – Vicki Wagner reiterated her earlier comment for the benefit of Tiberi and Oxman.

Adjourn

There being no further business, Johnston called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. **Tiberi MOVED to adjourn the meeting. Driggers SECONDED. All Commissioners present agreed.** Johnston adjourned the meeting at 9:03 p.m.

Mark Heller
Executive Director

A.J. Johnston
Chair