

Golden Urban Renewal Authority

City of Golden, Colorado

Business Meeting

Feb 22, 2010

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:

Paul Imse	Steve Taylor	Philip Baker	Annette Lyttle	Lyndall McLetchie
A. J. Johnston	Ted Bickart			

Mark Heller and Janis McBurney were also present.

Approval of Minutes -

Lyttle called for a motion to approve the business meeting minutes of January 25, 2010. **Imse MOVED to approve the business meeting minutes. Bickart SECONDED. All Commissioners present agreed.**

Public Comment – none

Reports of Committees/Matters for the Authority

Finance Committee – Preliminary year-end 2009 financial report - Heller reviewed the 2009 year end financial report with the Board. He advised that the audit started last week. Taylor asked about including the dollars that will need to be spent on various projects within the GURA District on an annual basis after GURA sunsets on the report. Heller advised that the City would have approximately a half million dollars remaining after paying costs associated with GURA projects annually.

Human Resources Committee – none

Communications Committee – Heller gave a status update on the 2009 Annual Report.

Development and Operations – Discussion/action regarding 2/25 meeting with City Council – Heller noted the changes made to the memo that will be a part of the GURA packet for the February 25 meeting with City Council. A brief discussion was held.

Discussion/action regarding grant/donation request from DocuWest Film Festival – Taylor researched film festivals across the nation and presented his findings to the Board, pointing out the tremendous economic impact that film festivals have in the community. A discussion was held. **Johnston MOVED that GURA contribute \$5,000 as a Premier Sponsor to the DocuWest Film Festival. Taylor SECONDED. All Commissioners present agreed, except for Imse who abstained, noting; however, that he does support the film festival but would prefer waiting until after meeting with City Council on Thursday before making a decision on the dollar amount. It was also noted that GURA will NOT accept any VIP passes, film vouchers, lounge passes or the like that a Premier Sponsor normally receives; however, GURA’s name may be used.**

Other Business – Discussion/action on Downtown Golden Vitality Project – Heller gave an update on this project advising that the first meeting was held two weeks ago. He noted that the theory behind this project is that if the stakeholders know each other better they will be more productive and satisfied, and downtown will function better as a whole. The next meeting will be held in about a month.

Discussion/action on side street signage – Heller updated the Board and led a discussion on side street signage, noting various efforts thus far as set forth in the packet. Lyttle suggested using the language “low traffic area” as opposed to “side street.”

Discussion/action regarding meeting with EDComm – Heller advised that EDComm will meet with GURA at the March 8 meeting to begin discussions on alternative approaches for economic development and redevelopment. Johnston had questions about the proposed video board type set-up at the Coors tour bus lot and suggested that we use Barb Warden's Golden video approach. A brief discussion was held. Heller noted that he did receive direction from the Board at the last meeting to pursue this idea. He will research the costs of a video monitor and report back with his findings at the next meeting.

Discussion/action on PCE remediation plan and budget – Heller gave a status update on the progress of the PCE remediation plan and budget, as set forth in the packet.

Commissioners Concerns – Imse asked about discussing the attorney-client privileged memorandum contained in the Commissioner's packets only. After brief discussion, Heller suggested that when he has completed his memo proposing ranges of alternatives based on these letters, the Board can meet in executive session to discuss the draft.

Johnston briefly commented on the attorney-client privileged memorandum.

Baker reported on budget discussions held at the last EDComm meeting.

Brief discussion on the upcoming study session with City Council ensued.

Bickart commented on the 2nd anniversary of the opening of the Mountaineering Museum that he attended, noting that the exhibits have changed. He acknowledged that the museum is an attractor to the city, and stated that GURA invested well.

Staff Report – Heller reported on the Energy Futures Institute Conference he attended last week in Grand Junction. He also reported on two meetings he recently attended – The Retail Marketing Committee Meeting and Downtown Golden Vitality Project Meeting.

Imse asked about crime issues in the parking garages. Heller advised that he is still waiting on a police report and will check on that again.

Public Comment – Barb Warden commented that the Retail Marketing Committee meetings inspired her Golden video.

Adjourn -

There being no further business, Lyttle called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. **Bickart MOVED to adjourn the meeting. Baker SECONDED. All Commissioners present agreed.** Lyttle adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Mark Heller
Executive Director

Annette Lyttle
Chair