

Golden Urban Renewal Authority

City of Golden, Colorado

Business Meeting

September 24, 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:

Ted Bickart	Steve Taylor	A.J. Johnston	Preston Driggers	Bill Fisher
Paul Imse				

Councilor Oxman, Mark Heller and Janis McBurney were also present. Henry Tiberi was absent.

Approval of Minutes

Johnston called for a motion to approve the business meeting minutes of September 10, 2007. **Driggers MOVED to approve the business meeting minutes. Imse SECONDED. All Commissioners present agreed.**

Public Comment – none

Reports of Committees/Matters for the Authority

Finance Committee – Heller advised that under an IGA between GURA and Golden City Council, GURA’s annual budget and work plan must be reviewed by Council prior to GURA’s final adoption. After discussion, it was decided that the work planning session will begin at the October 08 meeting rather than the October 22 meeting to ensure that there will be enough planning time before being presented to City Council.

Human Resources Committee – none

Communications Committee – none

Development & Operations –

Discussion/action regarding Gateway Station project update – Gated parking for private spaces – Heller advised that NexCore has requested to add a clause into the document authorizing the construction of a remote-activated gate to separate their private spaces from the rest of the garage. After discussion, the Board decided against the gate at this time.

Elevator delay – Heller advised that Neenan failed to timely order the construction of the garage elevator, which will result in an approximate one month delay. Although the City will allow the garage to open without the elevator, providing temporary handicap spaces are assigned on the street level, the Board decided that the garage should not be opened until the completion of the elevator due to safety concerns.

Lot 4 (north lot) due date - Heller advised that pursuant to the Redevelopment Agreement, Neenan is supposed to be off lots 2 and 4 upon completion of the garage. Neenan would like to continue to use the lots for the duration of the Gateway Station project. A lengthy discussion was held. **Imse MOVED that we charge Neenan reasonable rent for these lots for the duration of the Gateway Station project, allowing Heller the authority to determine “reasonable” rent. Driggers SECONDED.** After further discussion, all commissioners present agreed.

Discussion/action regarding upgrade to holiday light display - Heller advised that he had just received notice that Bobby's Banners had been recently sold to Vonda and Stuart Lane, and of various options regarding installation of the holiday lights. A discussion was held. **Driggers MOVED to have the Board approve up to \$15,000 for the 2007 holiday lights. Bickart SECONDED.** After further discussion, Johnston called for a vote. **All commissioners present agreed.**

Discussion/action regarding programming ideas for 2007 and 2008 – A lengthy discussion was held regarding a spreadsheet of potential sustainability programming submitted by Taylor, and a draft program to consolidate three current programs into a coordinated business recruitment package submitted by Driggers. Heller advised that the actual selection of projects and funding decisions will be decided during the work planning session(s).

Other Business – none

Commissioners Concerns -

Fisher commented on the negative imagery of GURA, and made suggestions in an effort to help citizens understand the functions of GURA.

Bickart made additional suggestions with regard to Fisher's concern.

Imse commented on the progress being made to downtown facades.

Driggers shared a newspaper article showing the wooden overhangs from fifty years ago in Jackson Hole Wyoming, and commented on the similarity between those and the overhangs at the Foss space.

Oxman stated that she agrees with Fisher's concern, and offered suggestions. Oxman also commented on the upcoming City Council meeting agenda.

Staff Report - Heller commented on facades, the Bradley building, new businesses in downtown, and presented an idea regarding sponsoring a renewed art prize at the next art festival.

Public Comment – Vicki Wagner commented about vacant space downtown.

Adjourn

There being no further business, Johnston called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. **Bickart MOVED to adjourn the meeting. Imse SECONDED. All Commissioners present agreed.** Johnston adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Mark Heller
Executive Director

A.J. Johnston
Chair