



GOLDEN URBAN RENEWAL AUTHORITY

Memorandum

To: Potential Business Owners
From: Mark Heller, Executive Director
Date: June 24, 2008
RE: Top Businesses Wanted for Downtown

On February 25th and 26th, 2007, the Downtown Character Committee hosted Open Houses to obtain feedback from the community on several elements of a comprehensive re-thinking of downtown. The Open Houses featured about a dozen large scale maps and photo collages, a digital visualization of awning options for downtown, a detailed description of the current planning documents relevant to downtown, an interactive design exercise for the Clear Creek Corridor, and four surveys. The surveys were designed to gain feedback on citizens' covered walkway/awning preferences, streetscape impressions, what kinds of businesses and other amenities were desired for downtown, and redevelopment and preservation priorities for downtown and Clear Creek; and the usefulness of the open house itself. This two year long effort yielded much information and several detailed reports which would help you evaluate Golden's business climate, all of which are available at www.gura.com/downtownchar.

Below is a list of businesses identified by Goldenites, from the most-requested down:

- Natural food store
- Breakfast café/diner
- Independent movie theater
- Book store
- All purpose music venue
- More restaurants such as:
 - Ethnic
 - Family
 - Juice/smoothie
 - Bakery
 - Ice Cream/Chocolate
 - Fine Dining
- More retail and merchandise of just about all kinds