ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
CITY OF GOLDEN
911 10TH Street, Golden, CO 80401

Minutes of Meeting
January 14, 2014

Present: Mary Block, Josephine Colacci, Kelly Jackson Condon, Terrence Rapoport, Renee Rinehimer

Absent: Todd Grover, Paula Reed

Staff present: Steve Glueck

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM by Acting Chair Condon

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Acting Chair Condon asked if there are comments or objections to the agenda for January 14, 2014. There being none, the chair declared the agenda approved.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Condon asked if there are comments or objections to the meeting minutes from November 12, 2013. There being no comments, the acting chair declared the meeting minutes approved.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Condon asked for potential public comment. There was none.

4. DISCUSSION / ACTION TOPICS

   A. 2013 Annual Report: Commission members commented on the draft annual report and their agreement with the 2013 highlights and 2014 work plan. Glueck requested that commission members read it carefully and advise staff of any typos, errors or edits by January 22nd.

   B. Fee Deferral Proposal for Multi-tenant Office and Industrial Projects: Glueck introduced the subject of a fee deferral program until building occupancy for water tap fees and building permit use tax related to “speculative” multi-tenant office and light industrial (“flex”) space. The idea is that by delaying the collection of these two fees until the building is occupied (or a date certain), that builders of space for small primary employers may be slightly more inclined to start such projects without as much of the building pre-
leased. EDComm recognized that the program would likely not change perceptions about the market for such projects, but would certainly show the city’s support for increasing primary employment. EDComm’s consensus was support for the program.

C. Implications of DDA/ GURA transition: Glueck explained the general direction recommended for GURA’s transition out of the downtown project and the establishment of the DDA, and also mentioned that with Mark Heller’s resignation to accept a different position, the ability to pursue some EDComm projects may be limited for the next few months. The commission asked questions about the new URA projects and DDA, and expressed support for staff efforts.

D. Board and Commission Solicitation Process: Glueck answered questions about the upcoming board and commission solicitation process.

5. COMMUNICATIONS

a. Prospect Report: Glueck updated about the Speeco groundbreaking, and that the City has received an offer for one of its lots for sale in the Catamount subdivision. Glueck also mentioned the January 15th Jeffco Innovation Workshop at the Mountaineering Center.

b. GURA: Colacci provided updates on several projects, including the Natural Grocers project where GURA has secured agreement for a façade upgrade and a community garden. Updates were given on the proposed Colfax URA project, and grant requests related to Miners Alley. GURA has offered a grant for a consolidated trash and recycling enclosure and may consider a façade grant for the Golden Moon Speak and a possible loan for bathroom upgrades.

c. Chamber of Commerce: Condon mentioned events related to the retirement of Gary Wink, the new director Dawn Smith, Ladies Only Sample Tour, and the cancelled Scrambowl. She reported that the holiday season was very positive for downtown.

d. Visit Golden: Block and Rinehimer updated on Visit Golden activities and campaigns to support events. They reported on the 2014 media plan, web site success, an electronic Golden Ticket, and establishment of a meetings and convention sub committee. Buy Golden week will occur in March.

6. AGENDA/ SCHEDULE

The next commission meeting is February 11, 2014.

Rinehimer MOVED and it was SECONDED to adjourn at 8:35 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Kelly Jackson Condon, Acting Chair