ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
CITY OF GOLDEN
1445 10TH Street, Golden, CO 80401

Minutes of Meeting
January 13, 2015

Present: Dan Becker, Mary Block, Kelly Jackson Condon, Stephan Reckie
Absent: Josephine Colacci, Terrence Rapoport, Renee Rinehimer

Staff present: Steve Glueck, Julie Brooks

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 PM

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Acting Chair Condon asked if there are comments or objections to the agenda for January 13, 2015. There being no comments, the chair declared the agenda approved.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Condon asked if there are comments or objections to the meeting minutes from December 9, 2014. There being no comments, the chair declared the meeting minutes approved.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Condon asked for potential public comment. There was none.

4. DISCUSSION / ACTION TOPICS

A. Review ideas and Suggestions from December Meeting. Commission members reviewed the discussion from the prior meeting and the subsequent meeting with the Bell Middle School iSTEM program, attended by Reckie and city staff. While all of the ideas were still supported in general, a few actions items were identified, including:

- Seek to attend or meet with the CSM Entrepreneurship Club and various “professionally oriented” clubs at GHS. A related idea is to create a survey for GHS students seeking input on student interest in facilities, programs, or opportunities to encourage innovation and entrepreneurship.
- Continue to promote the Bell STEM program, including a “launch party” for the “wormanaut” project.
• Investigate a youth oriented “Simple Steps for Starting a Business” program with Jeffco BRC and possibly JCBEA.
• Follow and monitor opportunities with the Golden Community Commons (Armory) project.

B. Early Childhood Education White Paper: Commission members reviewed and commented on a draft report discussing the economic development connection to early childhood education programs and goals. Commission members agreed about the importance of the topic, but indicated that the specific paper did not have a direct actionable focus for EDComm (and perhaps the City). Commission agreed that staff will continue to research opportunities and follow other groups working in that arena.

C. 2015 Work Program: Glueck announced that the annual work plan is due to City Council by February 15th. Since the chair and two other members are missing, the commission will make any final adjustments at the February 10th meeting. A few updates were made:

• Staff will contact CSM recruiting office about EDComm and a few local companies participating again in the Career Days Event on February 10th.
• EDComm will continue with the limited Red Rocks Scholarships for GHS students and the Discovery Technology Scholarships.
• The marketing committee and full board will consider the PR proposal from Meadows PR (Visit Golden’s PR consultant).
• Staff will make other minor corrections to the work plan.

5. COMMUNICATIONS

a. GURA: Glueck reported that GURA met on the prior night and discussed issues related to the downtown parking garage and adjacent property owned by the Banks family. The board is continuing to work on the conveyance of downtown Lots 2 and 4, and projects in the new URA areas.

b. Chamber of Commerce: Condon reported on the recent renovations at the Visitors Center and upcoming events the Chamber annual meeting on January 19th, 2015.

d. Visit Golden: Rinehimer reported that Visit Golden is working with Pure Brand on the 2015/2016 campaign.

6. AGENDA/ SCHEDULE

The next commission meeting is February 10th, 2015.
Block MOVED and it was SECONDED to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Kelley Jackson Condon, Acting Chair