Present: Mary Block, Josephine Colacci, Stephan Reckie, Renee Rinehimer

Absent: Dan Becker, Kelly Jackson Condon, Terrence Rapoport

Staff present: Steve Glueck

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 PM

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Colacci asked if there are comments or objections to the agenda for December 9, 2014. There being no comments, the chair declared the agenda approved.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Colacci asked if there are comments or objections to the meeting minutes from November 11, 2014. There being no comments, the chair declared the meeting minutes approved.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Colacci asked for potential public comment. There was none.

4. DISCUSSION / ACTION TOPICS

A. Discussion with Mark Mondry and Brian Conroy about Entrepreneurship.

Reckie introduced Mark Mondry, faculty lead for the CSM Entrepreneurship Club. Brian Conroy, GHS Principal introduced himself. EDComm members and the two guests discussed related programs at Mines and GHS and how EDComm might encourage the programs and potentially participate. Some of the ideas included:

- Visits by GHS Technical Education clubs to the Mines Entrepreneurship Club meetings or activities.
- Mentoring programs
- A potential “showcase” of local activity at the high school and college level, with possible participation by the Bell STEM program, to build awareness and support for
the programs. The event could potentially occur at the high school but be open to the public. Probably the best time is April.

- Our general goal for community entrepreneurs should be to “seek ways to allow people of like interests to meet and interact”.
- Golden could issue a local version of the “Grand Challenges” to the community and schools.
- EDComm should meet with the informal CEO group that contacted Glueck, to seek their input in fostering entrepreneurial activity.
- This effort can easily link to EDComm’s investigation into ways to support early childhood education as an economic development investment.

B. 2015 Work Plan Review: This discussion was postponed until the January meeting.

5. COMMUNICATIONS

a. GURA: Colacci reported that GURA has awarded a small grant for brick repair at the Old Capital Grill building, has formally entered into an Agreement to convey Lots 2 and 4, and approved a significant TIF rebate agreement to catalyze construction of 110,000 square feet of light industrial space within the Colfax URA.

b. Chamber of Commerce: Rinehimer reported on many recent and upcoming holiday and winter events, including Small Business Saturday, Olde Golden Christmas and the Candlelight Walk. Rinehimer also mentioned 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 and the year’s activities have gone very well.

6. AGENDA/ SCHEDULE

The next commission meeting is January 13, 2015.

Rinehimer MOVED and it was SECONDED to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Josephine Colacci, Chair