Minutes of Meeting
May 13, 2014

Present: Mary Block, Paula Reed, Renee Rinehimer, Kelly Jackson Condon, Josephine Colacci, Dan

Absent: Terrence Rapoport

Staff present: Jenifer Doane

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 PM by Chair Reed

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Reed asked if there are comments or objections to the agenda for May 13, 2014. There being none, the chair declared the agenda approved.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Reed asked for potential public comment. Amy Eckenwiler, Student Council Sponsor from Golden High School requested to give a presentation about a sponsorship opportunity for the Commission. Eckenwiler along with three students presented the opportunity to sponsor the Fall CHSAA conference GHS is hosting in October. This will be the first time a Jefferson County School has hosted the conference and the goal of the program is to build a larger leaders community within Golden and Jefferson County. The conference is expected to attract 500 to 700 students plus parents and teachers who will eat, shop and sleep in and around Golden. Sponsorship would help cover costs from folders and leadership curriculum to the keynote speaker. Sponsorship also helps to keep the costs low for attendees. GHS is not receiving any funds from Jefferson County School district to help with the conference.

Commission members discussed providing a sponsorship to the Student Council to assist with the costs of conference. Block created a motion to provide a sponsorship of $2000 or less based on the budget constraints for the GHS Student Council. Jackson Condon
seconded the motion and it was approved. Staff is directed to review budget to determine amount and provide sponsorship to GHS.

4. DISCUSSION / ACTION TOPICS

A. 2014 Work Plan: Commission members discussed the 2014 Work Plan with the following outcomes:

- Staff reported on the recent networking event, Sudsposium, held on May 7. This is the second year for the event. Twelve breweries were represented and over 50 people attended the event. There was discussion of partnering with the Colorado Brewers Guild and expanding the event.

- In terms of EDComm’s education work element there were several updates.
  - Several Commissioners attended the Career & Technical Education (CTE) event in April. Commissioners did not find the event a good fit for EDComm, however, some good connections were made with the WarrenTech assistant principle and new liaison with Red Rocks.
  - Four scholarships will be given to graduating students. The scholarships will be presented at Golden High School on Wednesday, May 21. Block and Rinehimer plan to attend.
  - All but 1 student who received a scholarship in 2013 is returning to Red Rocks for a second year. Staff is instructed to provide a continuing scholarship to those students.
  - Commissioners discussed the update about the iSTEM program and were very excited for the recent accomplishments and sponsorships. Commissioners asked staff research how much funding for iSTEM comes from the district and to find out if the program has enough funding for the fall. Colacci recommend setting up a meeting with the angle investor who is interested in funding the program. Block said enrollment is expected to be up and EDComm should continue to help fund the program as it ties to the goal of “Educating the Workforce for the Future.”

5. COMMUNICATIONS

a. GURA: Colacci reported on the most recent meeting. Natural Groceries has begun demolition. Lots 2 & 4 is delayed to some development issues and parking discussions. GURA is working with the Banks Family about a gate on their property to minimize foot traffic from the parking garages through their property. GURA decided to only pave Miners Alley currently. The Better Block Party is scheduled for May 31. A plan for the Colfax redevelopment is in place.

b. Prospect Report: No report
c. **Chamber of Commerce;** Jackson Condon reported the Ladies Only Sample was a success and the Chamber plans to continue to participate. The Taste of Golden was also a very successful event. The Farmers Market and Street Fairs start in June.

d. **Visit Golden;** Block and Rinehimer updated on Visit Golden activities and reported Visit Golden has new brochures, and summer media is happening. Golden has received a great deal of PR coverage lately including the Golden Hotel being included in a documentary about green travel.

6. **AGENDA/ SCHEDULE**

The next commission meeting is June 10, 2014.

Rinehimer MOVED and it was SECONDED to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Paula Reed, Chair