Minutes of Meeting
August 12, 2014

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

Absent: Dan Becker, Terrence Rapoport

Staff present: Steve Glueck, Jenifer Doane

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

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Reed asked if there are comments or objections to the agenda for August 12, 2014. There being no comments, the chair declared the agenda approved.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Reed asked if there are comments or objections to the meeting minutes from August 12, 2014. There being no comments, the chair declared the meeting minutes approved.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Reed asked for potential public comment. There was none.

4. DISCUSSION / ACTION TOPICS

A. Economic Incentive Request: Glueck presented James Meurer, Meurer Research and Esther Kettering, Real Estate broker. James Meurer indicated that the company is located in Arvada, but is in the process of acquiring the 45,000 square foot building in the Coors Tech Center Business Park where PMC Hydraulics had been located. Meurer Research, Inc engineers and manufactures sophisticated products to solve complex issues facing water and wastewater treatment facilities worldwide. One of their primary products which they are installing in the Golden Water Treatment Plan are called Plate Settlers for the early stage of water treatment.

In recognition of the significant planned investment in the building renovations and capital equipment, as well as projected new employment, it was MOVED by Condon and
SECONDED that the City approve a standard use tax rebate agreement not to exceed the Charter imposed limit of $25,000. The motion passed unanimously.

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

- Staff reported on the September 9, 2014 networking event in conjunction with the CSM career days recruiting event. Edcomm members will plan to attend as available. Staff will send out the invitations to the local guest companies identified by EDComm.

- In terms of EDComm’s education work element there was a general program discussion and an inquiry as to the status of the support request for the Golden High School Student Leadership Conference this fall. Condon noted that the faculty person associated with the project moved on to another position, and that she would find out who the new contact person is.

- In terms of the marketing element of the work plan, Glueck reported that he is seeking a go-ahead from Spyderco for the next business profile story, now that their expansion is underway.

- In terms of the innovation work element, the Jeffco Innovation Faire is still on schedule for September 12th and 13th.

C. COMMUNICATIONS

a. GURA: Colacci reported on the most recent meeting. A sign grant was approved for the new 5 Star Bakery on 12th Street west of Washington Avenue. Colacci highlighted the August 14th City Council decision on the cash in lieu request for development of GURA’s two lots along Jackson Street. GURA also discussed the Colfax URA plan and proposed improvement projects for Miners Alley and Washington Avenue from 14th to 18th Streets.

   a. Prospect Report: Glueck mentioned new businesses expressing interest in the Coors Tech Business Park area.

   c. Chamber of Commerce; Condon reported many recent and upcoming summer events. The most significant near term event will be the Fine Arts Festival this weekend.

   d. Visit Golden; Doane reported that Visit Golden is in the process of soliciting proposals for creative services to develop the 2015/2016 campaign, as well as the progress of the new meetings and convention sub-committee.

   e. General Comments: Glueck mentioned the general updates in the packet memo.
6. AGENDA/ SCHEDULE

The next commission meeting is September 9, 2014.

Condon MOVED and it was SECONDED to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Paula Reed, Chair