Downtown Development Authority  
City of Golden, Colorado  
Business Meeting  
December 15, 2014  

The Downtown Development Authority of the City of Golden, County of Jefferson, State of Colorado, met on the above date in the City Council Chamber 911 10th Street, Golden, Colorado, at the hour of 6:30 p.m. Commissioners present were:

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Commissioners Anderson and Behm were absent. Executive Director Steve Glueck and Redevelopment Specialist Aleah Menefee were present. Members of the public included Kenny Lee, Len Matheo, Socorro Amendariz, Jim Bilings, Kevin O’Connor, Todd Heirls, and Joan Klinman.

Ed Dorsey called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

Approval of Minutes –  
Dorsey called for a motion to approve the November 17th meeting minutes. DeCaro MOVED to approve the business meeting minutes. deBenedet SECONDED. All Commissioners present agreed.

Public Comment – none

Regular Business –  
Miners Alley Playhouse Presentation—Len Matheo, Executive Director of Miners Alley Playhouse (MAP) and Jim Billings provided the board with a presentation about MAP. Matheo explained the importance of the rent subsidy that MAP received from GURA and asked the DDA board to continue the subsidy. MAP has a large economic impact within the City, provides a cultural asset to the community and offers educational programming to youth. Matheo and Billings went into more detail regarding the economic impact of the theater. As more schools are cutting funding for the arts the MAP will begin to offer children’s programming at the theater and at schools. Matheo mentioned that many regional theaters do not have to pay rent or their rent is heavily subsidized. The board asked the presenters questions about the financial impacts of the theater, audience attendance and programming.

Buffalo Rose Potential Project Introduction—Kenny Lee, Owner of Buffalo Rose, gave more details about the project, while the project architect, Todd Heirls, provided additional renderings of the project. Socorro Amendariz the general contractor for the project also attended the meeting to answer any questions. Currently, the Buffalo Rose is in dire need of many repairs and updates to accommodate patrons. The exterior will undergo renovations including removal of some of the posts along Washington Avenue, a roof top patio, and façade improvements. The remodeling will consist of five phases and take place over the next 18 to 24 months. The renovated interior will feature a larger kitchen, better venue and stage area, and remodeled bathrooms. Staff mentioned that Lee may come back to the board once the project financials have been finalized and a gap has been determined.

Committee and Liaison Assignments—At last month’s meeting the board discussed committee and liaison assignments. Dorsey suggested that board members consider the various committee duties. Dorsey and Anderson showed initial interest in serving on the development and operations committee. Valdez committed to also serving on that committee. DeCaro wants to serve on the communications committee. Staff expressed that there should be one designated liaison that attends the Visit Golden meetings since at the last Visit Golden meeting there were 3 DDA representatives. deBenedet communicated that he would like the opportunity to attend. Narva also commented that he attends those meetings as the Golden Chamber representative and could also be the DDA representative.
Action Plan—Staff reintroduced the action plan to the DDA board. Dorsey made suggestive comments to Staff regarding some of the timeframes and wording of the strategies. The action plan will be finalized shortly and will be shared with the public.

Introduction to Streetscape Design and Sidewalk Issues—On Saturday, December 13 Staff conducted a walking tour of the downtown sidewalks. deBenedet and DeCaro were in attendance and throughout the tour made comments about the usage and design of the sidewalks. The group identified that potential action was needed along the sidewalk between Starbucks and Woody’s Pizza. Other areas to focus on include the area by D Deli and the section of sidewalk from Ace-Hi Tavern to Peak Cycles. These areas are congested and can be improved to accommodate pedestrians better. Staff thought that a design process should be put in place so that the board could be begin to conceptualize what ideas could be executed. Narva and Valdez thought that the entire downtown should be considered to avoid a piece meal approach to evaluating the sidewalks and streetscape. Updates to the trash and recycling programs and receptacles need to be considered. Places for pedestrians to rest will also be included in the new design. Staff was directed to provide plans of the intersection areas so that board members can sketch ideas. The topic will be continued next month.

Commissioners Concerns- deBenedet—none
Valdez—none
Dorsey—none
Narva—none
DeCaro—none

Staff Report–
Miners Alley-The repaving of Miners Alley is complete. Pictures of the project were included in the meeting packet. The project was $1,000 under budget.

DDA Open House—Staff is planning an open house on Wednesday, February 25 from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. The programming of the event will introduce the public to the DDA action plan and the process for applying for grants. The location is still being determined.

Parking Strategies Update—Staff has begun implementing some of the parking strategies mentioned in the Walker Parking Consultants study of the downtown parking. One project that staff is working on is a better designed way finding and communicative signs for identifying long term, short term and employee parking. Initial designs have been rendered and the new signs will be implemented in the Spring of 2015.

January 8, City Council Meeting—At this meeting the DDA and GURA boards will have the opportunity to update City Council on the progress of each board. The DDA will provide an update to Council about its current projects and initial ideas for how to best use the downtown legacy fund.

Public Comment – none

Adjourn –
There being no further business, Chair Dorsey called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. DeCaro MOVED to adjourn the meeting. Narva SECONDED. All Commissioners present agreed. Dorsey adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

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Steve Glueck                              Ed Dorsey
Executive Director                      Chair