

RESOLUTION NO. 1845

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOLDEN ESTABLISHING THE CITY OF GOLDEN HOUSING AFFORDABILITY TASK FORCE

WHEREAS, the Golden City Council has repeatedly identified housing affordability as a priority community issue; and

WHEREAS, the Golden City Council believes that it is important that the people who serve our community, including our fire fighters, our police officers, our city staff, and our teachers, have the option to live in the community they serve; and

WHEREAS, a diversity of housing options benefits community vitality and health; and

WHEREAS, encouraging a diversity of housing options will increase the ability of individuals and families across a range of income levels to choose to live in the same community in which they work, potentially contributing to our Golden Sustainability Initiative goals; and

WHEREAS, housing affordability programs are extremely diverse, including many options with minimal fiscal impact, and many other communities in Colorado have implemented successful housing affordability programs; and

WHEREAS, the Golden City Council is committed to evaluating the community's housing affordability needs, evaluating potential programs to address these needs, and implementing a program or package of programs.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOLDEN, COLORADO:

Section 1. There is hereby established by the City Council, the 2008 Housing Affordability Task Force.

Section 2. The purpose of this task force is to: a) assess the current and projected availability of and need for a diversity of housing options in Golden; b) identify any key information gaps and promptly work to fill those gaps; c) clearly define the key housing affordability challenges in Golden, if any, that the Task Force believes the City Council should target; d) evaluate the wide range of potential housing affordability program options for cost and potential effectiveness in terms of the targeted housing affordability needs; and e) based on this evaluation, prepare and present to the Golden City Council a report describing the Task Force's findings and specific recommendations for a housing affordability program or programs that will help ensure the availability of diverse quality housing options.

Section 3. The Task Force may present a single recommended program, a recommended package of programs, or a range of alternative programs. The Task Force may consider and recommend programs with fiscal impacts to the city but at least one recommended program or package of programs must have a minimal fiscal impact.

Section 4. In considering and evaluating housing affordability programs or packages of programs, the Task Force will consider: a) the housing affordability needs in Golden as identified by the Task Force; b) the relationship between programs under consideration and other identified community goals and policies, including the Residential Growth Management program, known as the 1% Growth

system; c) the fiscal impact of programs under consideration, both in terms of initial cost and ongoing cost; d) ongoing city responsibilities associated with the programs; e) the likely effectiveness of the programs under consideration for addressing the identified needs, and f) the likely viability of the programs under consideration. The Task Force will make a good faith effort to ensure that its recommendations are consistent with those of the City of Golden's Comprehensive Plan, adopted neighborhood plans, and other adopted community plans, and will identify in its final report any significant inconsistencies.

Section 5. If the City Council has adopted standard City of Golden Advisory Board Rules of Procedure prior to the task force holding its first meeting, the task force will rely on those Rules of Procedures to govern its conduct. If the City Council has not adopted standard City of Golden Advisory Board Rules of Procedures prior to the task force holding its first meeting, the task force will rely on the Golden City Council's Rules of Procedure as applicable. The Task Force may modify its Rules of Procedure if doing so will improve its effectiveness.

Section 6. The Task Force will hold all meetings in public with advance public notice and have an extensive public comment and participation component. The City Council and the task force will encourage members of other City of Golden boards and commissions, representatives of the Colorado School of Mines, and any other interested members of the community to attend and participate.

Section 7. The Task Force is encouraged to reach a consensus recommendation or range of recommended options. However, if the task force is unable to do so, its report to the City Council should clearly describe why the Task Force was unable to reach a consensus.

Section 8. The City Manger will provide appropriate staff support for this committee and Council will provide a supplemental appropriation of up to \$5,000 for necessary research and other consulting services as authorized by the City Manager.

Section 9. The Task Force will submit recommendations to City Council on Thursday, September 18, 2008 and Council will hold a formal public hearing and consider adoption of the recommendations at its regular business meeting on October 9, 2008.

Section 10. The task force will terminate after the City Council meeting on October 9, 2008.

Section 11. In forming the Housing Affordability Task Force, City Council desires to include a diversity of perspectives and experiences. To meet these objectives, Council will appoint the nine Task Force members in the following manner:

- a. The openings on the Task Force will be advertised by the City in its usual manner,
- b. Council members will also encourage individuals to apply whom they know to have an interest,
- c. The individuals desiring to serve on the task force will submit an application for appointment to the task force made available to the public by the City Clerk. Copies of these written applications will be given to all members of Council.
- d. The Mayor, with City Council approval, will appoint to the Task Force the following: one member will be selected by the Chair of the Planning Commission and one member will be selected by the Chair of the Citizens Budget Advisory Committee, a representative of the Jefferson County Housing Authority, and six at-large community members. The at-large community members shall be required to be Golden residents. It is desired that the Task Force members will demonstrate both knowledge and interest in the topic of housing options and affordability.

Adopted this 28th day of February, 2008.



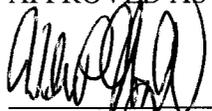
Jacob Smith
Mayor





Susan M. Brooks, MMC
City Clerk

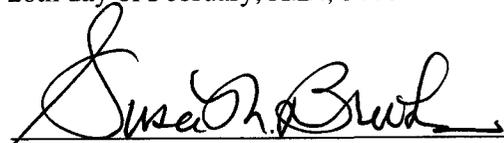
APPROVED AS TO FORM:



David Williamson
City Attorney

I, Susan M. Brooks, City Clerk of the City of Golden, Colorado, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a certain Resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Golden, Colorado at a rescheduled regular meeting thereof held on the 28th day of February, A.D., 2008.



ATTEST: 

Susan M. Brooks, City Clerk of the City of
Golden, Colorado