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URBAN RENEWAL BOARD TRAINING
May 11th, 2018 | Fort Collins, CO
8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Meet + Greet (light snacks)
Meet your URA peers from around the state and learn about their exciting activities and undertakings.

Welcome + Introductions
Steve Art, DCI + Carolyne White, Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck

Get the basics on urban renewal and tax increment financing. Brief presentations with informal discussion and questions for those new to Urban Renewal on such topics as "The Role of Staff vs. Board", "Legal Requirements: Sunshine Laws, Transparency, Conflict of Interest", and "The History of URA Legislation".

Partnerships and Negotiations Part 1
Carolyne White, Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck + Josh Birks, City of Fort Collins

Topics include "Post -1348 with Key Stakeholders" and "Urban Renewal Impacts on Other Taxing Entities".

Networking Break

Partnerships and Negotiations Part 2
Carolyne White, Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck; Dee Wisor, Butler Snow; and Nathan Klein Loveland Commercial

Topics include "The Proforma and Negotiations", "Developers and Property Owners", and an open Q&A and discussion.

Closing + Next Steps

Optional Lunch in Fort Collins
Steve Art,
President, Downtown Colorado, Inc.
Steve is the Economic Development Manager for the City of Wheat Ridge and the Executive Director of the City’s Urban Renewal Authority. Steve’s work through the Urban Renewal Authority in Wheat Ridge has allowed the city to see unprecedented City growth over the past 36 months with the development of new housing options, shopping centers, and the creation of a new downtown along 38th Avenue. Steve was born and raised in California and relocated to the Denver area in 2011 where he lives with his wife Peggy.

Carolyne White,
Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck
Carolyne White is co-chair of the firm’s Real Estate Department. Her practice spans the Land Use, Government Relations, Real Estate and Natural Resources groups. Carolyne’s practice focuses primarily on the zoning and entitlement process, with an emphasis on redevelopment, infill, brownfields, urban renewal, eminent domain, mixed use, transit-oriented development, PIFs and other public financing tools. One of only twenty-three LEED-accredited attorneys in the state of Colorado, Carolyne also holds a Masters degree in Public Policy, and in Urban and Regional Planning from CU Denver.

Josh Birks,
Economic Health Director, City of Fort Collins
Joshua Birks has a broad base of experience and education in economic development, real estate, and public finance. An experienced Economic Development professional, his skills include cluster formation and support, business expansion and relocation assistance, and public/private partnership negotiation. He has worked for both public and private sector clients and employees. As a result, Josh understands the strengths and weaknesses of each and easily translates between the two. In addition, he has worked on numerous real estate projects with extensive feasibility and market analysis experience.

Dee Wisor,
Attorney at Butler Snow
Dee Wisor is a member of the Public Finance, Tax Incentives and Credit Markets Group at Butler Snow with a practice emphasis in public finance and economic development incentives.

Nathan Klein,
Partner / Commercial Brokerage Manager at LC Real Estate
Nathan brings a unique collection of real estate experience to the table including landlord/tenant and buyer/seller representation in commercial real estate transactions; and significant experience working with municipalities to obtain project approvals for his clients. Nathan institutes a hands-on approach to the real estate business, performing all functions of the real estate transaction from project introduction to the day of closing.

DCI Events | 2018 - 2019

- Aug 16: Downtown Development Northern Mobile Tour // Fort Collins
- Oct 19: Community Building Colorado-Style Conference // Boulder
- Nov 2: URA Board Training // Pueblo
- Nov 16: DCI’s Holiday Party // Denver
- April 9-12, 2019: DCI’s Annual IN THE GAME Conference // Aspen

Become a DCI Member Today!
Join DCI with a URA Membership and you will have access to our Colorado URA Directory, Monthly URA Conference Calls with Peers, Collateral Materials and Case Studies, discounts and increased access to URA Training, and more. Your membership also includes the standard benefits and discounts, and will contribute to the further development of a positive campaign for urban renewal. Together we can continue our work to strengthen Colorado communities. Ask for more information about hosting a URA Board Training in your community for your URA Board!

If interested in becoming a member, please contact our office at membership@downtowncoloradoinc.org, or call us at 303-282-0625.

DCI Advisory and Urban Renewal Services
Downtown Colorado, Inc. has a number of advisory services to assist your community in solving issues ranging from infill, brownfields, community engagement, public financing, way finding signage and much more.

Downtown Assessments are three day, intensive but comprehensive investigations into a community’s obstacles by a team of experts and professionals compiled by DCI and the client community. The assessment team meets with stakeholders and various community groups to understand the issue at hand and provide a presentation of their findings at the end of the assessment. Following the visit, the assessment team provides the community with a detailed report of their findings, complete with an action matrix, resources, and funding mechanisms.

DCI also offers trainings and workshops on topics such as small business and housing which brings together peer communities and experts to get things done.

Contact DCI at 303-282-0625 or email Jamie Shapiro, our Rural Outreach Coordinator, at outreach@downtowncoloradoinc.org.

Our website is downtowncoloradoinc.org for more information about our other services.