

# GRAND JUNCTION CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP

August 5, 2002

The City Council of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado, met on Monday, August 5, 2002 at 6:30 p.m. at the Western Colorado Botanical Gardens, 641 Struthers in the Pomrenke Children's Library to discuss workshop items. Those present were Harry Butler, Dennis Kirtland, Bill McCurry, Jim Spehar, Janet Terry, Reford Theobald and President of the Council Cindy Enos-Martinez.

## Summaries and action on the following topics:

1. **TOUR OF WESTERN COLORADO BOTANICAL GARDENS:** The President of the Board of Directors, Pam Paris, welcomed the City Council to their facility. Board member Lee Lindauer then reviewed the Gardens' Mission and introduced the architect for the Master Plan, Carl Vostatek. Mr. Vostatek reviewed the Master Plan with the City Council. One of the concerns voiced by the Gardens' Board was the alignment of the proposed Riverside Bypass and its impact on the Master Plan as proposed.

**Action Summary:** The City Council went on a tour of the grounds for a better vision of the Master Plan. The Council assured the Board that they wanted the best for the Gardens, as demonstrated by their past support, and would take the Bypass routing concern into consideration along with all other concerns, including fiscal, when the final determination is made.

2. **INFILL/REDEVELOPMENT POLICY:** The consultant, Leslie Bethel from Clarion Associates, along with her associate, reviewed their work to date on the infill/redevelopment policy to ensure it reflects City Council's desired direction.

**Action Summary:** Council expressed a variety of concerns over the language being used in the document. For example, they did not want to present a policy that might imply incentives that would be inappropriate or place negative labels on possible redevelopment properties. The definitions of infill and redevelopment were discussed and the percentage of surrounding developed area was questioned for the definition of infill. Council asked that the consultants revise some of the wording, develop a laundry list of possible incentive options, a proposal for criteria for incentives, criteria for direct City participation in any such project, and an analysis of the tools allowed under an Urban Renewal Authority and creation of such an entity under Home Rule.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.