July 28, 1994

## DOWNTOWN IRONWOOD DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

A regular meeting of the Downtown Ironwood Development Authority was held on the above date, 12:00 Noon, Towne House Motor Inn, Ironwood, Michigan.

1. Call to Order.

Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order at 12:00 P.M.

2. Recording of the Roll.

PRESENT: Butler, Forslund, Isakson, Murphy, Lamberg, Bergquist,

and Chairman Johnson.

EXCUSED: Newman and Lorenson.

3. Oath of Office: Robert Butler and Gary Lamberg.

Oath of Office was administered by Secretary Ziemann.

4. Consider approval of the May 29, 1994 regular meeting minutes and discussion notes of June 23, 1994.

Motion by Bergquist, supported by Forslund. To receive and place on file the above Minutes and discussion notes as presented.

5. Consider approval of the 1994-95 Budget.

Motion by Forslund, supported by Butler. CARRIED. To approve the 1994-95 Budget as presented.

6. Update on the 1994-95 Action Plan.

The following updates were given:

- Lamberg presented some material to Will Andresen regarding the proposed billboard project. It was indicated that there is some interest from businesses for this project but at present still searching for a billboard.
- Bergquist noted that Newman was given the DIDA Computer Disk for recopying in hopes that it can be utilized. Update needed from Member Newman.
- Bergquist informed the Authority of a problem with overnight parking in the Downtown. Some members questioned whether the DIDA could institute an Ordinance for no parking on City Streets. It was also suggested that a flyer be placed on windshields of problem cars requesting that they not park on City streets as a courtesy in order to enhance Downtown shopping.

Motion by Lamberg, supported by Bergquist. CARRIED. To draft a courtesy letter to be placed on windshields of problem cars asking their assistance to help correct the Downtown parking situation. (Chairman Johnson agreed to work on the language for this flyer.)

- Bergquist indicated that the Ironwood Festival was very nice.

It was agreed that the DIDA will work on the parking situation in regards to the Action Plan.

## 7. Other Business.

Member Lamberg questioned the status of the banner project "Midway Circle Tour" and whether or not the idea belonged to the DIDA. It was verified that the DIDA owns the Plan. There are two alternatives for the DIDA to consider: 1) act on it or 2) sell it or give it to another group and/or organization to implement. Secretary Ziemann will submit file correspondence on the Midway Circle Tour to Lamberg for review.

The condition of the former S&L site was again discussed. The owners did attempt to level the parking area but it keeps settling. Bergquist indicated that the owners did agree to allow the DIDA to use part of the area as a greenstrip. It was previously noted that Jim Somerville had agreed to draw up some plans for same. It was requested that Will Andresen check on the status of the plans with Mr. Somerville.

Bergquist indicated that the railroad company did do a lot of cleanup near the Depot site. It was questioned why the train has not been operating. It was indicated that the rail lines are unsafe at any speed forcing the train rides to close.

## 8. Adjournment.

Being no further business to discuss, Motion by Butler, supported by Murphy. CARRIED. To adjourn this meeting at 12:55 P.M.

JANE ZIEMANN, SECRETARY