

April 27, 1993

DOWNTOWN IRONWOOD DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

A regular meeting of the Downtown Ironwood Development Authority was held on the above date, 7:30 A.M., First of America Bank Boardroom, 200 S. Suffolk Street, Ironwood, Michigan.

1. Call to Order.

Vice Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:38 A.M.

2. Recording of the Roll.

PRESENT: Burchell, Kinnunen, Newman, Forslund, Butler, Lorenson and Vice Chairman Johnson.
Bergquist arrived at 7:43 A.M.

ABSENT: Murphy.

3. Consider approval of the March 23, 1993, regular meeting minutes.

Motion by Butler, supported by Lorenson. CARRIED. To approve the above minutes as presented.

4. Update on Downtown Development Director position.

Separate committees representing the City and the DIDA met with the Chamber Board to review the possibility of a shared director. It was agreed that the Chamber would employ the person and in turn contract out with the DIDA and the City. There were no significant barriers noted only to "iron out" the details.

It was noted that although the concept of a shared director has not been finalized, the City is budgeting money to fund their share of the position (Planning Commission Staff support). It was estimated that the City would guarantee \$5,000 for this position with a maximum amount approved of \$7,500.

Chairperson Bergquist took over the meeting at 7:45 A.M.

One of the more positive items that came out of these committee meetings with the Chamber was the possibility of expanding the C-2 District which would benefit not only the Chamber but the DIDA.

A follow-up meeting with the Chamber is scheduled in early May.

5. Discussion on UP Engineering & Architects, Inc. proposal for professional planning support.

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There was a consensus that the proposal submitted was very similar in fashion to the Bert Stitt presentation a number of years ago. The DIDA understands their problems but need specifics on how to solve them. It was believed that if UP Engineering could submit a proposal for a job description for the shared director position, this would be beneficial to all entities involved. Chairperson Bergquist will contact Pat Coleman with this request and update the DIDA at the next regular meeting.

6. Consider resolution rescheduling May's regular meeting date.

Because Chairperson Bergquist will be out of town on May 25th (regular meeting date) she requested that the meeting be rescheduled.

Motion by Forslund, supported by Kinnunen. CARRIED. To reschedule the regular meeting to May 18th, 7:30 A.M.

7. Other Business.

Chairperson Bergquist noted that former DIDA Director, Robert Blaskowski, stopped to see her and submitted a computer disc which he believes belongs to the DIDA. Bergquist is in the process of having someone review the disc. Blaskowski also contacted the firm hired to do drafting services for the DIDA (Straight Line Drafting) and requested any material belonging to the DIDA be mailed to the Authority.

Chairperson Bergquist questioned what will happen if a new prospect came into Ironwood looking for information and the shared Director position has not been put into place. It was suggested that Jerry Murphy be contacted for assistance.

Secretary Ziemann submitted a proposal from Alf Craft for maintenance work on the DIDA signs located at the Silver Street intersection and US.2 Business Route. It was indicated at the time the signs were put up that maintenance would be needed on the carved signs every five years. The price quoted for maintenance work on the signs was \$1,150.00. It was suggested that Alf Craft be contacted for a reduced price of \$1,000. This item will be incorporated into the DIDA's budget.

8. Adjournment.

Motion by Forslund, supported by Johnson. CARRIED. That this meeting be adjourned at 8:15 A.M.

Minutes Taken By:



JANE ZIEMANN, SECRETARY