

**Proceedings of the Downtown Ironwood Development Authority  
Thursday, January 26, 2017**

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A regular meeting of the Downtown Ironwood Development Authority (DIDA) was held on Thursday, January 26, 2017 at 8:00 A.M. in the Women's club Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Memorial building, Ironwood Michigan.

1. Call to Order: Community Development Assistant Erickson called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M.
2. Recording of the Roll:

MEMBER	PRESENT		EXCUSED	NOT EXCUSED
	YES	NO		
Tom Williams, Chair		X	X	
Nancy Korpela, Vice	X			
Annette Burchell		X	X	
Bruce Schwartz	X			
Peter Tacconelli	X			
Yvonne Novascone	X			
Char Brickner		X		X
Anna Lovelace	X			
Nancy Zak	X			
	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Quorum</b>	

Also Present: Community Development Assistant, Tim Erickson and Community Development Director, Tom Bergman.

3. Approval of the December 22, 2016 Meeting Minutes:  
**Motion** by Lovelace to accept the meeting minutes from the December 22, 2016 meeting. **Second** by Schwartz. **Motion carried 5 to 0.**
4. Approval of the Agenda:  
**Motion** by Lovelace to accept the Agenda. **Second** by Schwartz. **Motion carried 5 to 0.**
5. Citizens wishing to address the Authority on Items on the Agenda (Three-Minute Limit):  
None.

Burchell arrived at 8:04 a.m.

6. Citizens wishing to address the Authority on Items not on the Agenda (Three-Minute Limit): Ironwood Chamber of Commerce Director discussed the college preview day in March and stated that about 475 students and over 30 businesses in attendance. He also discussed the Western UP Chamber Alliance regional round table and talked about the new brew pub. He also stated that the Jack Frost Committee will be meeting in February for to plan for the next year.

7. Financial Report: Bergman presented the financial report.

**Motion** by Lovelace to accept the accept the financial report. **Second** by Schwartz.  
**Motion carried 5 to 0.**

8. Items for Discussion and Consideration:

a. Comprehensive Plan & Blueprint Plan Implementation Status of Priority Action Items:

I. Strategy 6.3(a) Continue Local Façade Program – DuFault, Schwartz, Williams

1. Director Bergman discussed that the façade program is on hold until the next fiscal year.

II. Strategy 6.3(d) Continue Business Retention Program – All Members

1. Director Bergman let the Authority know to keep their ears open for businesses in need. Korpela stated that newcomers are complaining about other businesses customer service. Director Bergman discussed the Redevelopment Ready Communities training and the need for businesses to stay open later at least one day per week.

III. Strategy 6.3(g&h) Develop/Continue Business Incubator/entrepreneurial support spaces – Korpela

1. Korpela stated that she is working on it.

IV. Strategy 6.5(c), 6.7(b) & 6.6(c) First Friday Downtown – Brickner, Lovelace, Schwartz

1. The Authority discussed ideas for the first Friday events for this summer and next winter.

V. Strategy 6.7(a) Establish an annual events calendar – Brickner, Burchell, Lovelace, Schwartz

1. Director Bergman stated that the group has met and came up with 2 different solutions.

VI. BP Display/Encourage public art and other forms of beautification – All Members

1. They discussed the next steps for the Art Park and Korpela discussed the U.P. Art Alliance.

Novascone left the meeting at 8:56 a.m.

VII. Alley Way Improvement Plan – All Members

1. Director Bergman stated that it hasn't been started.

VIII. Public WIFI (Blueprint Plan) – Staff

1. Director Bergman discussed the plan to get fiber as the backbone of the WIFI connection. He also talked about creating a tech space to rent out for home businesses.

b. Grant Status:

- I. Art Park: Item was discussed in a previous strategy.

9. Other Business: None.

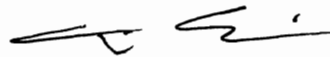
10. Next Meeting: February 23, 2017 at 8:00 a.m.

11. Adjournment at 9:14 a.m. by consensus.

**Motion** by Lovelace to adjourn. **Second** by Schwartz. **Motion carried 6 to 0.**



Tom Williams, Chair



Tim Erickson, Community Development Assistant