



**Proceedings of the Downtown Ironwood Development Authority
Thursday, November 16, 2017**

A regular meeting of the Downtown Ironwood Development Authority (DIDA) was held on Thursday, November 16, 2017 at 8:00 A.M. in the Women's club Room, 2nd Floor, Memorial building, Ironwood Michigan.

1. Call to Order: Chairman Tom Williams called the meeting to order at 8:05 A.M.
2. Recording of the Roll:

MEMBER	PRESENT		EXCUSED	NOT EXCUSED
	YES	NO		
Tom Williams, Chair	X			
Nancy Korpela, Vice		X		X
Annette Burchell	X			
Eleanor Bolich	X			
Yvonne Novascone	X			
Cameron Pitts		X	X	
Anna Lovelace	X			
Nancy Zak	X			
	6	2	Quorum	

Also Present: Community Development Assistant, Tim Erickson

3. Approval of the October 26, 2017 Meeting Minutes:
Motion by Lovelace to accept the meeting minutes from the October 26, 2017 meeting.
Second by Novascone. **Motion carried 5 to 0.**
4. Approval of the Agenda:
Motion by Lovelace to accept the Agenda. **Second** by Novascone. **Motion carried 6 to 0.**
5. Citizens wishing to address the Authority on Items on the Agenda (Three-Minute Limit):
Director Meyer updated the Authority on the new felivelife.org event calendar. He also gave an update for the new Ironwood Chamber of Commerce phone app.
6. Citizens wishing to address the Authority on Items not on the Agenda (Three-Minute Limit): None.

7. Items for Discussion and Consideration:

- a. Financial Report: Erickson presented the Financial Report.

Motion by Lovelace to accept the Financial Report. **Second** by Novascone.

Motion carried 6 to 0.

- b. Review and release funds to the Historic Ironwood Theatre for Roof Replacement Project: Erickson presented the letter and itemized donation list.

Motion by Zak to approve the letter and release the funds. **Second** by Bolich.

Motion carried 6 to 0.

- c. Goal setting for 2018 (Downtown redevelopment sites, First Friday Planning and Funding): The Authority discussed topics including Façade improvements, Downtown Redevelopment Sites, First Friday Planning and Funding and removing events calendar.

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

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

1. The Authority discussed the Bookworld building and asked if there were any plans for businesses coming. Erickson noted that the Michigan Economic Development Corporation is aware of the issue and is working on a potential solution.

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

1. No update.

III. Strategy 6.5(c), 6.7(b) & 6.6(c) First Friday Downtown – Lovelace, Bolich, Pitts

1. The Authority discussed the December event and started planning for the January event. They discussed potential ice or snow sculptures downtown.

IV. Strategy 6.7(a) Establish an annual events calendar – Burchell

1. This item has been completed and is no longer a part of the future agenda's.

V. BP Display/Encourage public art and other forms of beautification (Art Park) – All Members

1. No update.

VI. Alley Way Improvement Plan – Burchell, Zak,

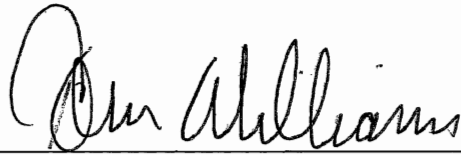
1. Burchell and Zak volunteered to be on a committee to help move the project along.

8. Other Business: None.

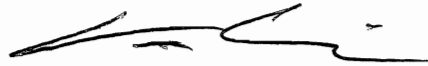
9. Next Meeting: December 21, 2017 at 8:00 a.m.

Adjournment at 10:10 a.m. is adjourned.

By Consensus.



Tom Williams, Chair



Tim Erickson, Community Development Assistant