

Proceedings of the Downtown Ironwood Development Authority Thursday, January 25, 2018

A regular meeting of the Downtown Ironwood Development Authority (DIDA) was held on Thursday, January 25, 2018 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 8:00 A.M.
2. Recording of the Roll:

MEMBER	PRESENT		EXCUSED	NOT EXCUSED
	YES	NO		
Tom Williams, Chair	X			
Nancy Korpela, Vice	X			
Annette Burchell	X			
Eleanor Bolich		X	X	
Amy Nosal	X			
Yvonne Novascone	X			
Cameron Pitts		X	X	
Anna Lovelace	X			
Nancy Zak	X			
	5	4	Quorum	

Also Present: Community Development Assistant, Tim Erickson

3. Approval of the November 16, 2017 Meeting Minutes:
Motion by Korpela to accept the meeting minutes from the December 16, 2017 meeting. **Second** by Novascone. **Motion carried 5 to 0.**
4. Approval of the Agenda:
Motion by Korpela to accept the Agenda. **Second** by Zak. **Motion carried 6 to 0.**
5. Citizens wishing to address the Authority on Items on the Agenda (Three-Minute Limit): None.
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: Director Bergman presented the report for November and December and stated that Paul Linn will be updating the Authority

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

Motion carried 5 to 0.

- b. Review and decision on Flower Basket Proposal for 2018

Motion by Lovelace to approve the proposal from Lakes Flower Cabin with the same amount and color baskets as last year. **Second** by Lovelace. **Motion carried 7 to 0.**

- c. Meeting Schedule Approval (Jan. 25, Feb. 22, Mar. 22, Apr. 26, May 24, June 28, July 26, Aug. 23, Sept. 27, Oct. 25, Nov. 15, Dec. 20)

Motion by Lovelace to approve the meeting schedule. **Second** by Novascone. **Motion carried 7 to 0.**

- d. Red Bull 400 Event: Director Bergman presented the Red Bull 400 Event and stated that the DIDA should consider to do a special event downtown after the Red Bull event.

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

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

- 1. Director Bergman stated that he has been trying to contact Book World to get a price and information on the building. The Authority discussed potential businesses that could occupy some vacant buildings.

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

- 1. Korpela stated that she has been working on a business plan and searching out funding and grants.

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

- 1. Love Your North
 - a. Erickson presented the Facebook page and the poster.
 - 2. Approval of Application for MCACA Mini Grant for \$4000
 - a. Director Bergman updated the Authority on the grant.

Motion by Zak to approve the application for the DIDA to apply for the MCACA Mini Grant. **Second** by Korpela.

Motion carried 6 to 0.

IV. Downtown Redevelopment Sites.

1. Director Bergman discussed a potential project through the MEDC to be discussed at a future meeting.

V. Alley Way Improvement Plan – Burchell, Zak,

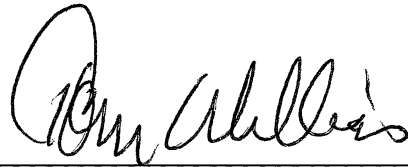
1. Zak stated that snow removal in the alley has been a struggle this winter and suggested that the City plow earlier in the morning.

8. Other Business: Lovelace asked about the DIDA sponsoring a cleanup day in downtown in the spring.

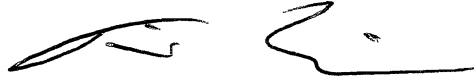
9. Next Meeting: January 25, 2018 at 8:00 a.m.

Adjournment at 9:27 a.m. is adjourned.

Motion by Lovelace to approve the application for the DIDA to apply for the MCACA Mini Grant. **Second** by Zak. **Motion carried 5 to 0.**



Tom Williams, Chair



Tim Erickson, Community Development Assistant