



**Proceedings of the Downtown Ironwood Development Authority
Thursday, February 22, 2018**

A regular meeting of the Downtown Ironwood Development Authority (DIDA) was held on Thursday, February 22, 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			
Amy Nosal		X	X	
Yvonne Novascone	X			
Cameron Pitts		X	X	
Anna Lovelace	X			
Nancy Zak	X			
	7	2	Quorum	

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

3. Approval of the November 16, 2017 Meeting Minutes:
Motion by Korpela to accept the meeting minutes from the January 25, 2018 meeting.
Second by Novascone. **Motion carried 5 to 0.**
4. Approval of the Agenda:
Motion by Korpela to accept the Agenda. **Second** by Novascone. **Motion carried 5 to 0.**
5. Citizens wishing to address the Authority on Items on the Agenda (Three-Minute Limit):
Director Meyers with the Ironwood Chamber of Commerce discussed the next 1st Friday's and discussed how the Chamber is helping to advertise the event.

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 went through the report and discussed a 1st Friday line item that has been added. Director Meyers with the Ironwood Chamber of Commerce asked if the DIDA solicits for donations for the 1st Friday events. Zak asked whether the DIDA can take on 1st Friday's long term.

Motion by Lovelace to accept the Financial Report. **Second** by Korpela.
Motion carried 7 to 0.

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

I. Strategy 6.3(d) Continue Business Retention Program.

1. Director Bergman stated that not much progress has been made. The Authority discussed the vacant Bookworld building and helping Chelsi's Corner find a new location if they desired.

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

1. Korpela discussed the need for fundraising and getting grants for the project.

III. Strategy 6.5(c), 6.7(b) & 6.6(c) First Friday Downtown.

1. Erickson discussed the details of the March event.

Motion by Korpela to approve \$250 for advertising for the 1st Friday. **Second** by Novascone. **Motion carried 6 to 0.**

IV. Downtown Redevelopment Sites.

1. Director Bergman stated that he had reached out to the MEDC to discuss the burned buildings on Aurora St. He discussed Bookworld and some downtown developments.

V. Alley Way Improvement Plan.

1. Director Bergman talked about doing a spring cleanup in the alley way. Zak discussed some safety concerns with snow in the way during the fire.

8. Other Business:

- a. Letter to thank community members who responded to downtown fire.

- I. Williams discussed writing a letter to the community members who responded to the downtown fire to thank them for their efforts. Williams stated that he will draft the letter.

Motion by Zak to have Chairman Williams draft a letter to thank all who responded to the fire. **Second** by Lovelace. **Motion carried 5 to 0.**

9. Next Meeting: March 22, 2018 at 8:00 a.m.

Motion by Lovelace to adjourn. **Second** by Zak. **Motion carried 5 to 0.**

Adjournment at 8:52 a.m. is adjourned.



Tom Williams, Chair

Tim Erickson, Community Development Assistant