



**Proceedings of the Downtown Ironwood Development Authority
Thursday, May 24, 2018**

A regular meeting of the Downtown Ironwood Development Authority (DIDA) was held on Thursday, May 24, 2018 at 8:00 A.M. in the Women's club Room, 2nd Floor, Memorial building, Ironwood Michigan.

1. Call to Order: Vice-Chair Korpela 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			
Eleanor Bolich	X			
Amy Nosal	X			
Yvonne Novascone		X	X	
Cameron Pitts		X	X	
Anna Lovelace	X			
Nancy Zak		X	X	
	5	4	Quorum	

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

3. Approval of the April 26, 2018 Meeting Minutes:
Motion by Lovelace to accept the meeting minutes from the April 26, 2018 meeting.
Second by Bolich. **Motion carried 5 to 0.**
4. Approval of the Agenda:
Motion by Bolich to accept the Agenda. **Second** by Lovelace. **Motion carried 5 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): Darrin Kimbler with the Gogebic Range Farmers Market Association presented before the Authority. He discussed some of the improvements at the Depot Park

Farmers Market. Director Meyer with the Ironwood Chamber of Commerce talked about the Chamber and Ironwood Historical Society open house for the next First Friday located in the Depot museum.

7. Items for Discussion and Consideration:

- a. Discuss and consider the approval of the Financial Report: Director Bergman presented the financial report. Burchell asked about the TIF district discussion from the last meeting.
- b. Discuss and consider grant application for MEDC Façade Restoration Initiative: Director Bergman stated that he submitted information to the MEDC for grant information request.

Motion by Bolich to approve the application. **Second** by Nosal. **Motion carried 5 to 0.**

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

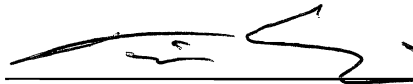
- I. Strategy 6.3(d) Continue Business Retention Program.
 1. Director Bergman stated that a couple new businesses are coming in. He stated that Constantini's building should be on the minds of the Authority as a redevelopment project. Burchell discussed the need to work with some of the retirement age business owners. Bergman stated that he talked with the new owner of the Pamida building.
- II. Strategy 6.3(g&h) Develop/Continue Business Incubator/entrepreneurial support spaces.
 1. Director Bergman discussed a meeting that he went to with Invent@NMU and talked about ways that the City or DIDA can partner with them.
- III. Strategy 6.5(c), 6.7(b) & 6.6(c) First Friday Downtown.
 1. Discuss May and June First Friday Events.
 - a. Discuss June First Friday and Summer Music Series.
 - i. Erickson discussed the details of the June and July events. Bergman discussed the need to market outside of the community a little more.
- IV. Downtown Redevelopment Sites.
 1. Director Bergman talked about the Chelsi's Corner building demo site. He stated that the City will be meeting with the property owner soon. Bergman stated that he has begun to specifically target some businesses to repair their façade.
- V. Alley Way Improvement Plan – Alley way weed and brush removal.

1. Bergman stated that the City will have some summer help that will be working on weed a brush removal in the downtown.
8. Other Business: Mayor Burchell stated that the City will be doing a first responder recognition ceremony before First Friday at 4:30 p.m. on June 1st.
9. Next Meeting: June 28, 2018 at 8:00 a.m.

Motion by Lovelace, to adjourn. **Second** by Nosal. **Motion Passed 5 to 0.**



Tom Williams, Chair



Tim Erickson, Community Development Assistant