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**Proceedings of the Downtown Ironwood Development Authority  
Thursday, July 26, 2018**

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A regular meeting of the Downtown Ironwood Development Authority (DIDA) was held on Thursday, July 26, 2018 at 8:00 A.M. in the Women's club Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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	X	
Eleanor Bolich	X			
Amy Nosal	X			
Yvonne Novascone		X		X
Vacant				
Anna Lovelace	X			
Nancy Zak	X			
	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Quorum</b>	

Also, present: Community Development Director, Tom Bergman and Community Development Specialist, Tim Erickson

3. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair.  
  
Nomination by Lovelace to nominate Williams as Chair. Second by Korpela.  
  
Motion by Korpela, Second by Lovelace. Motion carried 6 to 0.  
  
Nomination by Lovelace to nominate Korpela as Vice-Chair. Second by Zak.
4. Approval of the June 28, 2018 Meeting Minutes:  
  
**Motion** by Lovelace to accept the meeting minutes from the June 28, 2018 meeting.  
**Second** by Korpela. **Motion carried 6 to 0.**
5. Approval of the Agenda:  
  
**Motion** by Lovelace to accept the amended agenda. **Second** by Korpela. **Motion carried 6 to 0.**

6. Citizens wishing to address the Authority on Items on the Agenda (Three-Minute Limit):  
None.
7. Citizens wishing to address the Authority on Items not on the Agenda (Three-Minute Limit): Director Meyer talked about his customer appreciation workshop that was hosted at the Golden Dragon Restaurant. He talked about his experience with Festival Ironwood and the Hiawatha statue. He discussed Jack Frost Festival and stated that a theme will not be implemented in the future. The sno-cross event was discussed and he stated that it will be bigger due to national sponsorships.
8. Items for Discussion and Consideration:
  - a. Discuss and consider the approval of the Financial Report: Director Bergman presented the report and stated that the DIDA was over budget on the year.  
  
**Motion** by Lovelace, to approve the financial report. **Second** by Zak. **Motion Passed 6 to 0.**
  - b. Discuss and consider 2018 MCACA Grant Application:  
  
**Motion** by Korpela, to move forward with the MCACA Grant Application. **Second** by Zak. **Motion Passed 6 to 0.**
  - c. Discussion on downtown herb garden: Bolich talked about placing an herb garden somewhere downtown. She is suggesting placing 2 raised beds in the back of the art park.  
  
**Motion** by Korpela, to support the Northwind Natural Food Co-op herb garden in the Art Park. **Second** by Lovelace. **Motion Passed 6 to 0.**
  - d. Pocket Park Tree Discussion: Director Bergman stated that the tree carver has been paid the deposit. Bergman stated that we don't know how much the Range Master Gardeners will pay in total.
  - e. Comprehensive Plan & Blueprint Plan Implementation Status of Priority Action Items:
    - I. Strategy 6.3(d) Continue Business Retention Program.
      1. Director Bergman discussed some discussion with the zoning consultants that relates to businesses retention. He also talked about implementing a TIF district in the downtown.
    - II. Strategy 6.3(g&h) Develop/Continue Business Incubator/entrepreneurial support spaces.
      1. Director Bergman said that Gogebic Community College will get one of the Invent@NMU kiosks and tailor their business classes to

use it. The commercial kitchen discussion hasn't taken off with GCC yet. The Authority discussed different ways to use a commercial kitchen.

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

1. Update on First Friday Events for Summer.

- a. Director Bergman updated the Authority and stated that Dig Deep will be at the next First Friday.

IV. Downtown Redevelopment Sites.

1. Director Bergman talked about the redevelopment project on main street.


V. Alley Way Improvement Plan – Alley way weed and brush removal.

1. The crew will be going out to clean up some garbage and brush removal.

9. Other Business: None.

10. Next Meeting: August 23, 2018 at 8:00 a.m.

**Meeting adjourned by consensus at 8:48 a.m.**



Tom Williams, Chair



Tim Erickson, Community Development Assistant