



Proceedings of the Downtown Ironwood Development Authority Thursday, August 23, 2018

A regular meeting of the Downtown Ironwood Development Authority (DIDA) was held on Thursday, August 23, 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	X	
Nancy Korpela, Vice	X			
Annette Burchell		X	X	
Eleanor Bolich	X			
Amy Nosal	X			
Yvonne Novascone	X			
Vacant				
Anna Lovelace	X			
Nancy Zak	X			
	5	3	Quorum	

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

3. Approval of the July 26, 2018 Meeting Minutes:
Motion by Zak to accept the meeting minutes from the July 26, 2018 meeting.
Second by Lovelace. **Motion carried 5 to 0.**
4. Approval of the Agenda:
Motion by Zak to accept the amended 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):
None.

7. Items for Discussion and Consideration:

- a. Discuss and consider the approval of the Financial Report:

Motion by Zak, to approve the financial report. **Second** by Nosal. **Motion Passed 5 to 0.**

- b. Discussion on downtown herb garden: No update.
- c. Update on Pocket Park: Director Bergman gave a brief update on the pocket park but will wait for Williams to give an update. He also brought up the burned grass in the Pocket Park.
- d. Discussion of World Fest and Arts Midwest: Director Bergman gave an update on the concept. He talked about the Historic Ironwood Theatre being the facilitator of the program.
- e. Wreath Letter Approval: Director Bergman

Motion by Lovelace, to approve the quote of \$25 for the same number of wreaths as last year. **Second** by Zak. **Motion Passed 5 to 0.**

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

- I. Strategy 6.3(d) Continue Business Retention Program.
1. Director Bergman stated that Elle Stevens is placing their building for sale. He also talked about a couple that is looking to have a wine bar in downtown.
- II. Strategy 6.3(g&h) Develop/Continue Business Incubator/entrepreneurial support spaces – GCC project and prison closure.
1. Bergman talked about GCC expanding their programming and training. Bergman talked about the City moving forward with economic development planning because of the prison closure. Korpela brought up the Invent@NMU and other partnerships with GCC.
- III. Strategy 6.5(c), 6.7(b) & 6.6(c) First Friday Downtown.
1. Update on First Friday Events for Summer.
- a. Erickson gave an update for the September and October First Friday. He also talked about a potential partnership with Theatre North.
- IV. Downtown Redevelopment Sites.
1. Zak talked about a building that was remodeled at the entrance of Hurley and Ironwood.

V. Alley Way Improvement Plan.

1. Zak brought up the need to fix the potholes and also talked about making it a one-way alley.

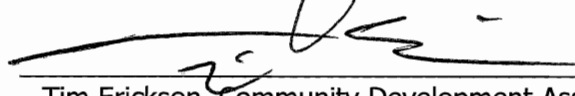
8. Other Business: None.

9. Next Meeting: September 27, 2018 at 8:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned by consensus at 9:01 a.m.



Tom Williams, Chair



Tim Erickson, Community Development Assistant