

**Proceedings of the Downtown Ironwood Development Authority
Thursday, December 19, 2018**

A regular meeting of the Downtown Ironwood Development Authority (DIDA) was held on Thursday, December 19, 2018 at 8:00 A.M. in the Women's club Room, 2nd Floor, Memorial building, Ironwood Michigan.

1. Call to Order: Chair 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	X	
Vacant				
Anna Lovelace		X	X	
Nancy Zak	X			
	5	3	Quorum	

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

3. Approval of the October 25, 2018 Meeting Minutes:
Motion by Zak to accept the meeting minutes from the October 25, 2018 meeting.
Second by Korpela. **Motion carried 5 to 0.**
4. Approval of the Agenda:
Motion by Zak to accept the agenda. **Second** by Korpela. **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: Director Bergman presented the financial report. Erickson stated that the Authority received more donations for the wreaths compared to previous years.

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

- b. Approve Meeting Schedule for 2019 (Jan. 24, Feb. 28, Mar. 28, Apr. 25, May 23, June 27, July 25, Aug. 22, Sept. 26, Oct 24, Nov. 21, Dec. 19).

Motion by Zak, to approve the meeting schedule for 2019. **Second** by Nosal. **Motion Passed 5 to 0.**


- c. Goal setting for 2019: Director Bergman presented a few ideas and the board discussed and added to them. Items that were discussed were the creation of a new TIF district, public outreach and education, alley way improvement, rehab grants for downtown buildings, creation of a First Friday committee, recruitment of volunteers, revised blueprint plan, and year-round downtown decorative lighting. The Authority agreed to finalize the priorities at the next meeting.
- d. Update on Pocket Park: Director Bergman said that the deposit needs to be returned. Nosal will get in touch with the master gardeners on their plans for the 2 trees.
- e. Discussion of Recreational Marijuana Law: Bergman gave an update on where the city is at with the law. He asked the Authority to think about if they want to allow or restrict specific business types in the Downtown district. Zak talked about odor control as the main priority. Discussion took place about Waupaca Foundry locating in Ironwood and asked Director Bergman to send the company a thank you letter for coming to Ironwood.
- f. Order Flower Baskets for Summer 2019: Erickson presented the email from Lakes Flower Cabin which stated the amount and quantity from last year.

Motion by Zak, to approve 59 baskets at \$42 per basket. **Second** by Korpela. **Motion Passed 5 to 0.**


- g. Comprehensive Plan & Blueprint Plan Implementation Status of Priority Action Items:
 - I. Strategy 6.3(d) Continue Business Retention Program.

1. Discussion about Elle Stevens going out of business and ways to help businesses with succession planning. Director Bergman talked about bringing together cooperatives to start businesses.
 - II. Strategy 6.3(g&h) Develop/Continue Business Incubator/entrepreneurial support spaces – Invent@NMU.
 1. The kiosk will be coming to Contrast Coffee in January.
 - III. Strategy 6.5(c), 6.7(b) & 6.6(c) First Friday Downtown.
 1. Update on First Friday Events.
 - a. Erickson updated the Authority with the recent survey about the January First Friday. The group concluded that they will do the next First Friday on 11th to capitalize on the SISU Ski Fest.
 - IV. Downtown Redevelopment Sites.
 1. Director Bergman talked about Lahti's parking lot as a redevelopment site and talked about the old Pamida site as future redevelopment site for a potential hotel or something similar.
 - V. Alley Way Improvement Plan.
 1. Zak stated that she would at least like the alley to be paved.
8. Other Business: None.
9. Next Meeting: January 24, 2018 at 8:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned by consensus at 9:03 a.m.



~~Tom Williams Chair~~ ~~Nancy Korpela, Vice Chair~~



Tim Erickson, Community Development Assistant