



**Proceedings of the Downtown Ironwood Development Authority
Thursday, January 24, 2019**

A regular meeting of the Downtown Ironwood Development Authority (DIDA) was held on Thursday, January 24, 2019 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	X	
Annette Burchell		X	X	
Eleanor Bolich	X			
Amy Nosal	X			
Yvonne Novascone	X			
Vacant				
Anna Lovelace	X			
Nancy Zak	X			
	6	2	Quorum	

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

3. Approval of the December 19, 2018 Meeting Minutes:

Motion by Lovelace to accept the meeting minutes from the December 19, 2018 meeting with the correction of the date. **Second** by Novascone. **Motion carried 5 to 0.**
4. Approval of the Agenda:

Motion by Nosal 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): None.

7. Items for Discussion and Consideration:

- a. Discuss and consider the approval of the Financial Report: Director Bergman presented the November and December Financial Report.

Motion by Lovelace, to accept the November and December financial report.
Second by Zak. **Motion Passed 6 to 0.**

- b. Discuss and consider flower watering agreement with the City of Ironwood Department of Public Works for the Summer of 2019: Zak mentioned that the flowers need to be removed during the last watering of the year.

Motion by Zak, to approve the City watering with removal of the baskets during the last watering. **Second** by Lovelace. **Motion Passed 6 to 0.**

- c. Goal setting for 2019: Director Bergman presented some optional goals, which included: Creation of a TIF District, First Friday Event Committee, Public Outreach and Education, Alley Way Improvement Priority, Work with MEDC for Downtown Improvements, Recruitment for DIDA, Update Blueprint Plan, Downtown Festive Lighting. The Authority talked about doing plans for façade improvements and blight removal.

Motion by Nosal, to approve the presented goals. **Second** by Bolich. **Motion Passed 6 to 0.**

- d. Update on Pocket Park Trees and Pocket Park Maintenance Contract: The Authority had an idea to have an event around the carving of the tree for a First Friday.

Motion by Lovelace, to approve the maintenance contract. **Second** by Bolich. **Motion Passed 6 to 0.**

- e. Discussion of Recreational Marijuana Law: Director Bergman stated that the committee has met and is deciding on potential locations for commercial properties.

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

- I. Strategy 6.3(d) Continue Business Retention Program: Zak stated that Elle Steven's is for sale and also stated that Creative Spirits is closed.

- II. Strategy 6.3(g&h) Develop/Continue Business Incubator/entrepreneurial support spaces – Invent@NMU: Director Bergman stated that the kiosk is in Contrast Coffee.
 - III. Strategy 6.5(c), 6.7(b) & 6.6(c) First Friday Downtown: Erickson presented the First Friday budget. Zak talked about doing a chalk fest and having a movie night with a summer First Friday.
 - IV. Downtown Redevelopment Sites: Director Bergman stated that the MEDC seems favorable to the project.
 - V. Alley Way Improvement Plan: Zak would like to know if there are any schemes for the alley way because she needs to fix the back of her building.
8. Other Business: Williams mentioned the need to recruit another volunteer.
9. Next Meeting: February 28, 2018 at 8:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned by consensus at 8:49 a.m.



Tom Williams, Chair



Tim Erickson, Community Development Assistant