

**Proceedings of the Downtown Ironwood Development Authority  
Thursday, February 28, 2019**

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A regular meeting of the Downtown Ironwood Development Authority (DIDA) was held on Thursday, February 28, 2019 at 8:00 A.M. in the Women’s club Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Memorial building, Ironwood Michigan.

1. Call to Order: Vice-chair Nancy 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	X	
Yvonne Novascone	X			
Vacant				
Anna Lovelace		X	X	
Nancy Zak	X			
	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Quorum</b>	

Also, present: Community Development Specialist, Tim Erickson

3. Approval of the January 24, 2019 Meeting Minutes:
 

**Motion** by Zak to accept the meeting minutes from the January 24, 2019 meeting.  
**Second** by Novascone. **Motion carried 5 to 0.**
4. Approval of the Agenda:
 

**Motion** by Bolich to accept the agenda. **Second** by Zak. **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 Linn presented the Financial Report.

**Motion** by Zak, to accept the November and December financial report.  
**Second** by Novascone. **Motion Passed 5 to 0.**

- b. Discuss and consider the approval of the FY 2019/2020 Budget: Director Linn presented the Budget.

**Motion** by Zak, to accept FY 2019/2020 Budget. **Second** by Novascone.  
**Motion Passed 5 to 0.**

- c. Goal setting for 2019: Erickson introduced the goals that were discussed at the previous meeting. The Authority agreed that all of the goals presented were of priority. Goals include - 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. In the discussion, members brought up the need to help facilitate the discussion around finding a new snow remover for the downtown businesses.

**Motion** by Zak, to approve the presented goals with the addition of helping to find a snow remover for the downtown businesses for Winter 2019/2020.  
**Second** by Novascone. **Motion Passed 5 to 0.**

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

- I. Strategy 6.3(d) Continue Business Retention Program: Zak mentioned Elle Stevens and the Creative Spirits Scrapbooking store that have closed. Erickson indicated that he and director Bergman have been in conversation with a few people looking to start up new businesses in the Downtown.
- II. Strategy 6.3(g&h) Develop/Continue Business Incubator/entrepreneurial support spaces – Invent@NMU: There was discussion about community kitchen space located in the downtown and at Gogebic Community College and the need for more kitchen options to help food entrepreneurs.
- III. Strategy 6.5(c), 6.7(b) & 6.6(c) First Friday Downtown: Erickson gave a brief update on the March event. Nicole Lahti and Zona Wick with the

Historic Ironwood Theatre discussed various ways to help improve the event along with the Theatre's perspective on the event in general.

IV. Downtown Redevelopment Sites: No discussion.

V. Alley Way Improvement Plan: No discussion.

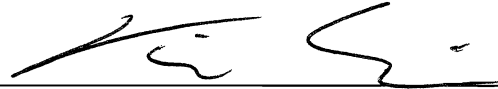
8. Other Business: None.

9. Next Meeting: March 28, 2019 at 8:00 a.m.

**Meeting adjourned by consensus at 8:56 a.m.**



Tom Williams, Chair



Tim Erickson, Community Development Specialist