



**Proceedings of the Downtown Ironwood Development Authority
Thursday, July 25, 2019**

A regular meeting of the Downtown Ironwood Development Authority (DIDA) was held on Thursday, July 25, 2019 at 8:00 A.M. in the Women's club Room, 2nd Floor, Memorial building, Ironwood Michigan.

1. Call to Order: Director Bergman called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M.
2. Election of Chair and Vice Chair.

Nomination of Nosal for Chair by Ring. Second by Korpela.

Motion by Korpela, second by Flory. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Nomination of Korpela Vice-Chair by Nosal, second by Flory.

Motion by Hellen, Second by Flory. Motion carried 5 to 0.

3. Recording of the Roll.

MEMBER	PRESENT		EXCUSED	NOT EXCUSED
	YES	NO		
Cathy Flory	X			
Nancy Korpela, Vice	X			
Annette Burchell		X	X	
Jake Ring	X			
Amy Nosal	X			
Vacant				
Ivan Hellen	X			
Anna Lovelace		X	X	
Nancy Zak		X	X	
	5	3	Quorum	

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

4. Approval of the June 27, 2019 Meeting Minutes:

Motion by Korpela to accept the meeting minutes from the June 27, 2019 meeting.

Second by Flory. **Motion carried 5 to 0.**

5. Approval of the Agenda:

Motion by Korpela to accept the agenda. **Second** by Ring. **Motion carried 5 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): Meyer director of the Ironwood Chamber of Commerce addressed the Authority and talked about the successes and issues of Festival Ironwood 2019. He moved to talk about the Gogebic County Fair and some of the new things for the year.

8. Items for Discussion and Consideration:

- a. Discuss and consider the approval of the Financial Report: Director Bergman presented the Financial Report. He explained what a TIF was and where the DIDA gets their funding from.

Motion by Hellen, to approve the Financial Report. **Second** by Korpela.
Motion Passed 5 to 0.

- b. Review Grant Application of MCACA Grant:

Motion by Korpela, to approve to apply for the MCACA Mini Grant. **Second** by Flory. **Motion Passed 5 to 0.**

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

I. Strategy 6.3(d) Continue Business Retention Program:

- a. Gresham Dentistry: Director Bergman discussed the Blueprint Plan. He then talked about Gresham Dentistry and their succession plan.

II. Strategy 6.3(g&h) Develop/Continue Business Incubator/entrepreneurial support spaces: Director Bergman talked about the Project Gogebic Strategic Plan.

III. Strategy 6.5(c), 6.7(b) & 6.6(c) First Friday Downtown: Erickson updated the Authority on the August First Friday.

IV. Downtown Redevelopment Sites.

- a. Update on commercial Demo Grant

- a. Director Bergman stated that the project will be done by the end of the month. He discussed the City Square project described where the City is in the process. Director Bergman talked about the Civic Center and the roof failure.

V. Alley Way Improvement Plan.

- a. Director Bergman talked about the long-term vision and some of the short-term work that has been done.

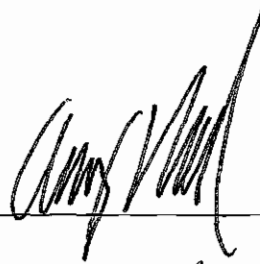
9. Other Business: Flory talked about a transit system that could bring ski hill visitors to the downtown.

Nosal talked about the Range Master Gardeners and placing a memorial tree in the Art Park.

Hellen talked about at 2020 calendar for the Ironwood Area Historical Society for funding the new roof of the depot.

10. Next Meeting: August 22, 2019 at 8:00 a.m.

Motion by Flory, to approve to apply for the MCACA Mini Grant. **Second** by Korpela. **Motion Passed 5 to 0.**



Amy Nosal, Chair



Tim Erickson, Community Development Specialist