

Proceedings of the Downtown Ironwood Development Authority **Thursday, May 22, 2019**

A regular meeting of the Downtown Ironwood Development Authority (DIDA) was held on Thursday, May 22, 2019 at 8:00 A.M. in the Women's club Room, 2nd 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			
Nancy Korpela, Vice	X			
Annette Burchell	X			
Eleanor Bolich		X	X	
Amy Nosal		X	X	
Yvonne Novascone		X	X	
Ivan Hellen	X			
Anna Lovelace	X			
Nancy Zak	X			
	6	3	Quorum	

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

3. Approval of the February 28, 2019 Meeting Minutes:
Motion by Zak to accept the meeting minutes from the February 28, 2019 meeting.
Second by Korpela. **Motion carried 6 to 0.**
4. Approval of the Agenda:
Motion by Zak to accept the agenda. **Second** by Korpela. **Motion carried 6 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:

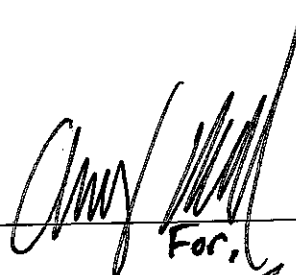
- a. Discuss and consider the approval of the Financial Report: Director Bergman presented the financial report.

Motion by Zak, to accept the April financial report. **Second** by Burchell.
Motion Passed 6 to 0.


- b. Pocket Park Trees: Director Bergman gave an update and discussed the need for new trees in the park. He posed the issue of the carvings lasting over the long term.
- c. Discussion of DIDA Goals Timing – Downtown Snow Removal, Public Outreach & Education, TIF District, Volunteer Recruitment, Revise Blueprint Plan, Year-Round Decorative Lighting: Director Bergman asked the Authority about what needs to be done right away. The Authority discussed the need to update the Blueprint Plan. He discussed combining goals together into three categories of long term, mid term and immediate term. Zak was concerned with the retiring snow removers and the need to have consistent snow removal for the winter. Director Bergman said that he will talk to Scott Erickson about this issue. The Authority talked about year-round decorative lighting on the buildings. The Authority discussed banner hangers and they discussed semi-trucks not using Business US2.
- d. Comprehensive Plan & Blueprint Plan Implementation Status of Priority Action Items:
 - I. Strategy 6.3(d) Continue Business Retention Program: Director Bergman discussed Constantini's furniture store being sold. The authority also discussed a few other buildings that are for sale. Staff will present the redevelopment map at the next meeting. Zak talked about the need to have google maps update their images.
 - II. Strategy 6.3(g&h) Develop/Continue Business Incubator/entrepreneurial support spaces: Korpela stated that she hasn't worked on anything but has plans to talk with GCC and work with Invent@NMU. Director Bergman talked about the economic development study for the region being done by MEDC.
 - III. Strategy 6.5(c), 6.7(b) & 6.6(c) First Friday Downtown: Erickson discussed the Summer Concert Music Series lineup. Burchell discussed that the DIDA should consider applying for August MCACA funding.

- IV. Downtown Redevelopment Sites: Williams asked about the downtown park status. Director Bergman stated that the City has hired a grant administrator for the project. Korpela asked about the caved in downtown building and asked about the timeline. Director Bergman said that the building will be taken care of soon.
- V. Alley Way Improvement Plan: Zak said that the potholes in the alley need to be fixed. Director Bergman talked about setting aside more money for a larger downtown façade improvement project and to do a corridor plan.
8. Other Business: Hellen talked about cleaning up the downtown. He talked about fixing up the Northwoods Cabin building. He also talked about a couple other buildings. Director Bergman talked about funding available for commercial demolition.
9. Next Meeting: June 27, 2019 at 8:00 a.m.

Motion adjourned by consensus at 9:09 a.m.



For, Tom Williams, Chair



Tim Erickson, Community Development Specialist