

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

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A regular meeting of the Downtown Ironwood Development Authority (DIDA) was held on Thursday, August 22, 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: Director Bergman called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M.
2. Recording of the Roll.

MEMBER	PRESENT		EXCUSED	NOT EXCUSED
	YES	NO		
Cathy Flory	X			
Nancy Korpela, Vice		X	X	
Annette Burchell		X	X	
Jake Ring	X			
Amy Nosal	X			
Vacant				
Ivan Hellen	X			
Anna Lovelace	X			
Nancy Zak	X			
	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Quorum</b>	

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

3. Approval of the July 25, 2019 Meeting Minutes:  
**Motion** by Lovelace to accept the meeting minutes from the July 25, 2019 meeting.  
**Second** by Flory. **Motion carried 6 to 0.**
4. Approval of the Agenda:  
**Motion** by Lovelace to accept the agenda. **Second** by Flory. **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): Director Meyer addressed the Authority and stated that Hiawatha is starting to

be restored. He talked about the Jack Frost planning group starting soon and invited members of the Authority to attend the meeting.

7. Items for Discussion and Consideration:

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

**Motion** by Lovelace, to approve the Financial Report. **Second** by Zak. **Motion Passed 6 to 0.**

- b. Discuss and consider contract for pocket park shoveling: Director Bergman presented the snow shoveling contract. Zak brought up the idea of the City of Ironwood removing snow for all downtown businesses.

**Motion** by Zak, to the snow shoveling contract. **Second** by Lovelace. **Motion Passed 6 to 0.**

- c. Discuss and consider purchase of Christmas wreaths:

**Motion** by Zak, to purchase the Christmas wreaths. **Second** by Lovelace. **Motion Passed 6 to 0.**

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

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

- a. Gresham Dentistry: Director Bergman talked about the City's role in transitioning their business. Gresham Dentistry is currently working through the City with the Small Business Development Center. In conjunction, he also discussed the City's focus on talent attraction and how outdoor recreation and marketing will help.

Strategy 6.3(g&h) Develop/Continue Business

Incubator/entrepreneurial support spaces: Bergman discussed the project Gogebic plan that has been completed.

Director Bergman discussed the marijuana advisory committee meeting between the Planning Commission and the City Commission. The Planning Commission will review the plan along with the City Commission. Before adoption by the City Commission the Planning Commission will have a public input meeting.

II. Strategy 6.5(c), 6.7(b) & 6.6(c) First Friday Downtown: Erickson discussed the September, October, and December First Friday's. He then presented the First Friday Survey. He discussed the need to coordinate more with the Depot Park Farmers Market.

III. Downtown Redevelopment Sites.

- a. Update on commercial Demo Grant
  - a. Director Bergman said that the project is complete.

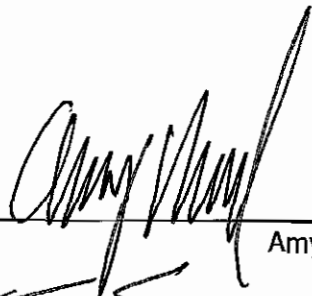
IV. Alley Way Improvement Plan.


- a. Director Bergman stated that the DIDA will update the Blueprint plan to remove or enhance the plan. Zak brought up the need for some safety improvements for in the alley.

8. Other Business:

9. Next Meeting: September 26, 2019 at 8:00 a.m.

**Motion** by Lovelace, to adjourn the meeting. **Second** by Zak. **Motion Passed 6 to 0.**

  
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Amy Nosal, Chair

  
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Tim Erickson, Community Development Specialist