



Proceedings of the Downtown Ironwood Development Authority Thursday, September 26, 2019

A regular meeting of the Downtown Ironwood Development Authority (DIDA) was held on Thursday, September 26, 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. Recording of the Roll.

MEMBER	PRESENT		EXCUSED	NOT EXCUSED
	YES	NO		
Cathy Flory	X			
Nancy Korpela, Vice	X			
Annette Burchell	X			
Jake Ring	X			
Amy Nosal	X			
Vacant				
Ivan Hellen	X			
Anna Lovelace	X			
Nancy Zak	X			
	8	0	Quorum	

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

3. Approval of the May 22, June 27, August 22, 2019 Meeting Minutes:

Motion by Hellen to accept the meeting minutes from the May 22, 2019 meeting.

Second by Korpela. **Motion carried 6 to 0.**

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

Second by Flory. **Motion carried 6 to 0.**

Motion by Korpela to accept the meeting minutes from the August 22, 2019 meeting.

Second by Flory. **Motion carried 6 to 0.**

4. Approval of the Agenda:

Motion by Korpela to accept the amended agenda to include 8a Downtown Snow Shoveling. **Second** by Hellen. **Motion carried 7 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): Michael Meyer from the Ironwood Chamber talked about the First Friday Committee and Jack Frost Committee meetings. He also discussed an arts meeting in Mercer. The depot building has been re-strung with Christmas lights. Chamber fall social is the coming Friday.

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 Korpela.
Motion Passed 8 to 0.

b. Discuss and consider letter for wreath donations: Director Bergman presented the letter for the wreath donations.

Motion by Lovelace, to approve the wreath donation letter. **Second** by Hellen.
Motion Passed 8 to 0.

c. Wreath Lights: Director Bergman discussed the lights and the committee discussed the different light color options. Bergman mentioned that the DIDA could do an event that asked the community to help decorate the downtown.

Motion by Zak, to purchase white lights for the Christmas wreaths. **Second** by Lovelace. **Motion Passed 8 to 0.**

d. Discussion of Blueprint Plan: Director Bergman presented the blueprint plan and discussed what has been completed.

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

I. Strategy 6.3(d) Continue Business Retention Program: Bergman is continuing efforts for succession planning for some businesses.

II. Strategy 6.3(g&h) Develop/continue Business Incubator/entrepreneurial support spaces: Korpela updated the Authority on what she is planning with her incubator.

III. Strategy 6.5(c), 6.7(b) & 6.6(c) First Friday Downtown: Erickson discussed the next few First Friday's.

IV. Downtown Redevelopment Sites: The City Commission passed a resolution of support for the downtown City project. The Authority discussed the need for these types of high impact projects in the downtown.

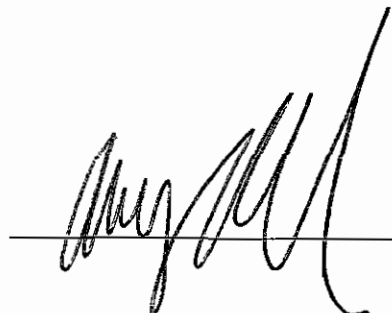
V. Alley Way Improvement Plan: This item can be part of the new Blueprint plan.

8. Other Business:

a. Downtown Snow Shoveling: Burchell discuss a private contractor or the City to snow plow for all of the businesses downtown.

9. Next Meeting: October 24, 2019 at 8:00 a.m.

Motion by Zak, to adjourn the meeting. **Second** by Ring. **Motion Passed 8 to 0.**



Amy Nosal, Chair

Tim Erickson, Community Development Specialist