



Proceedings of the Downtown Ironwood Development Authority **Thursday, November 21, 2019**

A regular meeting of the Downtown Ironwood Development Authority (DIDA) was held on Thursday, November 21, 2019 at 8:00 A.M. in the Women's club Room, 2nd Floor, Memorial building, Ironwood Michigan.

1. Call to Order: Chairperson Amy Nosal called the meeting to order at 8:05 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	X	
Nancy Zak	X			
	7		Quorum	

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

3. Approval of the October 24, 2019 Meeting Minutes:
Motion by Korpela to accept the meeting minutes with the correction as noted from the October 24, 2019 meeting. **Second** by Burchell. **Motion carried 6 to 0.**
4. Approval of the Agenda:
Motion by Hellen to accept agenda. **Second** by Korpela. **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):
Director Meyer addressed the Authority and said that the Jack Frost Parade planning is going well. He brought up the new Ironwood Area Historical Society

Calendar and said that about 100 calendars are left to sell. He also mentioned the many events that are happening in the month of December.

Hellen discussed the new calendar.

7. Items for Discussion and Consideration:

- a. Discuss and consider the approval of the Financial Report: Director Bergman presented the financial report and discussed having more wreaths for the new light poles next year. Erickson stated that more donations came in than expenses for the wreaths.

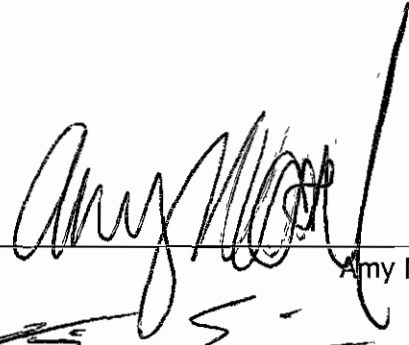
Motion by Zak, to accept the Financial Report. **Second** by Korpela. **Motion Passed 7 to 0.**

- b. Discussion of Blueprint Plan: Director Bergman went over a list of items that weren't completed from the Blueprint Plan, items that were previous goals, and items from the First Impressions Tour. The Authority discussed more inclusive planning and doing more with history to add to the list. Director Bergman talked about doing another goal setting session to solidify the Blueprint Plan.
- c. Downtown Snow Removal: Director Bergman talked about discussing this for the next year. Nancy Zak talked about a contractor putting together a proposal for the core downtown block.
- d. Comprehensive Plan & Blueprint Plan Implementation Status of Priority Action Items:
 - I. Strategy 6.3(d) Continue Business Retention Program: Director Bergman said that there is a new contact at the SBDC. He also talked about the need for a new/used book store and that working on attracting one to the downtown could be a goal.
 - II. Strategy 6.3(g&h) Develop/continue Business Incubator/entrepreneurial support spaces: Korpela talked about the Art Alliance with Howard Sandin.
 - III. Strategy 6.5(c), 6.7(b) & 6.6(c) First Friday Downtown: Erickson discussed Frost Friday at the Theatre and throughout the downtown.
 - IV. Downtown Redevelopment Sites: Director Bergman said that the City is receiving RFQ's for the engineering and design and is planning a 2020 build.
 - V. Alley Way Improvement Plan: No update.

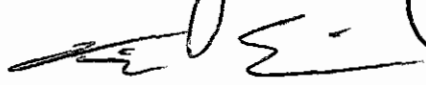
8. Other Business: None.

9. Next Meeting: December 19, 2019, 2019 at 8:00 a.m.

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



Amy Nosal, Chair



Tim Erickson, Community Development Specialist