



Proceedings of the Downtown Ironwood Development Authority **Thursday, January 23, 2020**

A regular meeting of the Downtown Ironwood Development Authority (DIDA) was held on Thursday, January 23, 2020 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 8:03 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 Specialist, Tim Erickson and Finance Director Paul Linn.

3. Approval of the December 19, 2019 Meeting Minutes:
Motion by Korpela to accept the meeting minutes with the correction as noted from the December 19, 2019 meeting. **Second** by Lovelace. **Motion carried 7 to 0.**
4. Approval of the Agenda:
Motion by Lovelace to accept agenda. **Second** by Korpela. **Motion carried 8 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):

7. Items for Discussion and Consideration:

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

Motion by Lovelace, to accept the Financial Report. **Second** by Korpela.
Motion Passed 8 to 0.

- b. Downtown Snow Removal: Zak talked about prioritizing the big commerce events for next year for snow removal.

- c. 2020 Goals

- I. Montreal River Access: The Authority discussed doing a potential river clean up in May. Ring would like to form a committee to focus on the river access project. They discussed talking to Wisconsin to do a collaborative project between the States.
- II. TIF District: Erickson said that he has been working with Jen Tucker from the MEDC to set up a time to present to the DIDA. Erickson will create a poll for people to choose the date that works best for everyone.

- III. Downtown Enhancements: Tabled until the next meeting.

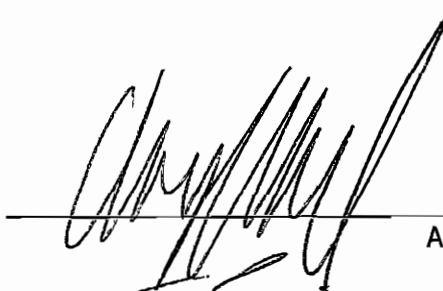
- d. Comprehensive Plan & Blueprint Plan Implementation Status of Priority Action Items:

- I. Strategy 6.3(d) Continue Business Retention Program: Erickson discussed the potential of two new businesses locating in downtown. Ring talked about Lahti's lighting their parking lot for more downtown parking.
- II. Strategy 6.3(g&h) Develop/continue Business Incubator/entrepreneurial support spaces: Korpela discussed taking it off as a line item and talked about remote working changing. She talked about Invent@NMU taking this role and spreading it throughout the Upper Peninsula.
- III. Strategy 6.5(c), 6.7(b) & 6.6(c) First Friday Downtown: Erickson presented the new First Friday spreadsheet and the worksheet showing details about the next couple First Friday events.


8. Other Business: None.

9. Next Meeting: February 27, 2020 at 8:00 a.m.

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



Amy Nosal, Chair



Tim Erickson, Community Development Specialist