



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

A regular meeting of the Downtown Ironwood Development Authority (DIDA) was held on Thursday, April 23, 2020 at 8:00 A.M. via Zoom video conferencing software.

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 Director, Tom Bergman, Community Development Specialist, Tim Erickson and Finance Director Paul Linn.

3. Approval of the February 28, 2020 Meeting Minutes:
Motion by Lovelace to accept the meeting minutes of February 28, 2020 meeting. Second by Zak. Motion carried 8 to 0.
4. Approval of the Agenda:
Motion by Lovelace to accept the amended agenda. Second by Hellen. 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): None.

7. Items for Discussion and Consideration:

- A. Discuss and consider the approval of the Financial Reports: Director Bergman presented the financial reports for February and March.

Motion by Lovelace to approve the Financial Reports. Second by Flory. Motion carried 8 to 0.

- B. Discussion of the 2020-2021 Budget with Paul Linn, Finance Director: Director Linn presented the budget and highlighted MCACA funding, decreased taxable value, and the need to fund the TIF plan with \$5,000 coming from the DIDA, \$10,000 from the MEDC and \$15,000 from the City of Ironwood. Hellen asked if a light pole could be installed across the street from the new mural. Burchell was hesitant to ensure that the City Commission will be able to support the project for this fiscal year due to uncertain times.

Motion by Lovelace to approve the Budget and recommend to the City Commission to add it to their budget. Second by Hellen. Motion carried 8 to 0.

- C. Discussion on TIF District and Downtown Development and TIF Plan: Director Bergman mentioned that taxable value will continue to decrease for the next year and would like to ask Jen Tucker if that will have a negative impact if the TIF district begins now. Burchell and Zak had concerns with moving forward with the TIF plan at the current moment because of so much uncertainty with the pandemic.
- D. Update on Water Trail Project: The City has submitted the DNR application for the project.
- E. Donation Letter for Flower Baskets: Director Bergman: Director Bergman will re write the letter to be more sensitive to the situation at hand. Burchell suggested reaching out to Lakes Flower Cabin to make sure that they are still providing the flowers.

Motion by Lovelace to approve the donation letter after revisions are approved by certain members of the Authority. Second by Flory. Motion carried 8 to 0.

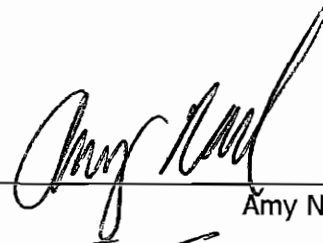
8. Other Business:

- a. Corona Virus: Director Bergman gave an update on how the City is handling the pandemic, and how the Community Development Office is trying to work with many of the businesses. They talked about how to re-open the economy and how to influence the State representatives and governor. They discussed the

need for businesses to open in a safe way versus considering businesses essential and non-essential. Hellen talked about recognizing essential workers during this time. Zak talked about increasing some security measures in downtown as businesses remain empty.

- b. Downtown First Friday: The committee will meet to discuss First Friday's going forward.
 - c. Downtown City Square: Director Bergman updated the Authority with the project. The project is out for bid and the property will be acquired in the middle of May. The project will move forward if construction is approved by the Governor. The Authority discussed certain messaging that needs to be conveyed to the public to help maintain a positive perception of the project.
9. Next Meeting: May 28, 2020 at 8:00 a.m.

Motion by Lovelace, Second by Zak, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor.



Amy Nosal, Chair



Tim Erickson, Community Development Specialist