



Proceedings of the Downtown Ironwood Development Authority Thursday, July 23, 2020

A regular meeting of the Downtown Ironwood Development Authority (DIDA) was held on Thursday, July 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 8:00 A.M.
2. Recording of the Roll.

| MEMBER | PRESENT | | EXCUSED | NOT EXCUSED |
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| | 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 | | | |
| Vacant | | | | |
| | 7 | 0 | Quorum | |

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

3. Election of Chair and Vice Chair.
Korpela nominated Nosal for Chairperson of the DIDA. Second by Korpela. Motion Carried 6 to 0.

Nosal nominated Korpela as Vice-Chair Person. Second by Flory. Motion Carried 7 to 0.
4. Approval of the June 25, 2020 Meeting Minutes:
Motion by Korpela to accept the meeting minutes of June 25, 2020 meeting. Second by Lovelace. Motion carried 7 to 0.
5. Approval of the Agenda:
Motion by Hellen to approve the agenda. Second by Korpela. Motion carried 7 to 0.

6. Citizens wishing to address the Authority on Items on the Agenda (Three-Minute Limit): None.
7. Citizens wishing to address the Authority on Items not on the Agenda (Three-Minute Limit): None.
8. Financial Report: Director Bergman stated that the DIDA hasn't been charged for the Flowers, insurance, and First Friday expenses.

**Motion by Lovelace to accept the Financial Reports. Second by Korpela.
Motion carried 7 to 0.**

9. Items for Discussion and Consideration:
 - A. Update on MEDC Restart Grant Program: Director Bergman received around \$450 million to help the state economically. Businesses that are 50 employees or less and have been negatively impacted by COVID can get awarded. Businesses are eligible for up to \$20,000 of funding. The applications are due August 5th and will find out sometime in September.
 - B. Update on TIF District and Downtown Development and TIF Plan: Director Bergman talked with Jen Tucker for next steps. She suggested to hire a consultant as the first step. The Zoning Ordinance revision will have to be completed prior to the DIDA applying for money for this project. Director Bergman discussed the zoning ordinance revision and the process.
 - C. Update on Water Trail Project: A public hear is scheduled for the next Monday City Commission meeting. He talked about some funding that will need to be dedicated to this project from the City of Ironwood. Nosal suggested advertising the public hearing on Facebook.

Motion by Hellen to support the City of Ironwood's application. Second by Korpela. Motion carried 7 to 0.

- D. Update on City Square: Director Bergman stated that the project is on schedule and they are starting on the above ground construction. The project will be completed during the middle to end of September.
- E. First Friday Update: Erickson updated the authority with the August and September events. They discussed the online format for August and then will reassess for September. The First Friday Committee will meet to discuss the options.
- F. MCACA Grant Application Submittal: Erickson asked for approval to apply for the MCACA Mini-Grant. They suggested finding more diverse musical styles.

**Motion by Flory to apply for the MCACA Mini Grant. Second by Korpela.
Motion carried 7 to 0.**

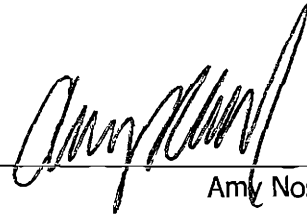
10. Other Business: Director Bergman discussed the pocket park and was wondering if Nosal had an update on the Pocket Park. Hellen suggested a person with community service to help out with the Pocket Park.

Nosal discussed her appreciation with Burchell in support of Black Lives Matter and spearheading the local efforts.

Nosal asked if the historical society could have access to historic buildings prior to demolition.

11. Next Meeting: August 27, 2020 at 8:00 a.m.

Motion by Flory to adjourn, second by Lovelace, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 7 to 0.



Amy Nosal, Chair



Tim Erickson, Community Development Specialist