



Proceedings of the Downtown Ironwood Development Authority Thursday, June 25, 2020

A regular meeting of the Downtown Ironwood Development Authority (DIDA) was held on Thursday, June 25, 2020 at 8:00 A.M. via Zoom video conferencing software.

1. Call to Order: Chairperson Amy Nosal called the meeting to order at 8:08 A.M.
2. Recording of the Roll.

MEMBER	PRESENT		EXCUSED	NOT EXCUSED
	YES	NO		
Cathy Flory	X			
Nancy Korpela, Vice	X			
Annette Burchell		X	X	
Jake Ring	X			
Amy Nosal	X			
Vacant				
Ivan Hellen		X	X	
Anna Lovelace		X	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 May 28, 2020 Meeting Minutes:
Motion by Zak to accept the meeting minutes of May 28, 2020 meeting. Second by Korpela. Motion carried 5 to 0.
4. Approval of the Agenda:
Motion by Flory to accept the agenda. Second by Zak. Motion carried 5 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. Financial Report: Director Bergman stated that the flower baskets and First Friday expenses haven't been reported. He feels that the DIDA will be a little bit under budget.

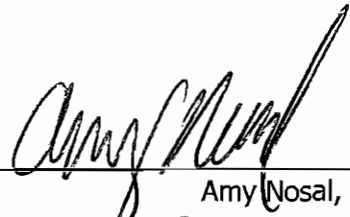
Motion by Flory to accept the Financial Reports. Second by Korpela. Motion carried 5 to 0.

8. Items for Discussion and Consideration:

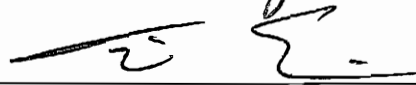
- A. Discuss and consider MEDC Match on Main Grant Application: Director Bergman stated that the DIDA did not get the Match on Main grant. Only three communities received funding. As a part of the CARES act the State will be allocating around \$250 million for the entire state to help local businesses. He is hopeful that businesses will get financial relief through this next round of funding.
 - B. Update on TIF District and Downtown Development and TIF Plan: Director Bergman said that the City commission will be budgeting \$15,000 and the DIDA will be budgeting \$5,000 with a \$20,000 through the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC). The MEDC is recommending that the DIDA move forward with the planning project that will include a TIF Plan. If things aren't looking good for the TIF plan, the DIDA can always delay that process.
 - C. Update on Water Trail Project: Director Bergman said that the project is administratively complete with the DNR. They talked about the public hearing and what that might look at. The State approved extending virtual meetings throughout July.
 - D. Update on City Square: Director Bergman said that they are starting construction for the project. He talked about having a low impact to the downtown during the construction period.
 - E. June First Friday: Director Bergman talked about the artist playing in the theatre and partnering with Pride U.P. 2020. Director Bergman brought up the idea of doing live events. Nosal talked about the need to brainstorm how to best have a live event with focusing on doing it safely.
9. Other Business: Director Bergman gave an update with the Gogebic Range Health Foundation annual fundraiser. Nosal thanked Nancy Zak for being a member of the DIDA. Zak stated that she thought that the trees are getting a little big in downtown and they could be trimmed. The City Commission passed a policy for outdoor seating for downtown businesses. The Health department is also allowing businesses to apply to have an outdoor liquor license. Director Bergman also stated that merchandise can be displayed outside as well.

10. Next Meeting: July 23, 2020 at 8:00 a.m.

Motion by Zak, second by Flory, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor.



Amy Nosal, Chair



Tim Erickson, Community Development Specialist