



**Proceedings of the Downtown Ironwood Development Authority
Thursday, August 26, 2021**

A regular meeting of the Downtown Ironwood Development Authority (DIDA) was held on Thursday, September 23, 2021 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
	YES	NO		
Cathy Flory	X			
Nancy Korpela, Vice	X			
Annette Burchell	X			
Vacant				
Amy Nosal	X			
Darrin Kimbler	X			
Ivan Hellen	X			
Anna Lovelace	X			
Bruce Greenhill		X	X	
	7	1	Quorum	

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

3. Approval of the August 26, 2021 Meeting Minutes:
Motion by Hellen to approve the meeting minutes. Second by Korpela. Motion carried 7 to 0.
4. Approval of the Agenda:
Motion by Burchell to approve the agenda. Second by Korpela. Motion carried 7 to 0.
5. Citizens wishing to address the Authority on Items on the Agenda (Three-Minute Limit):
Director Meyer addressed the Authority and gave an update on the Chamber fall social, Jack Frost Festival, City Commissioner Forum, intern that will be at the Chamber office, volunteer fair, and the downtown lighting committee meeting.

6. Citizens wishing to address the Authority on Items not on the Agenda (Three-Minute Limit): None.
7. Receive and place on file the Monthly Financial Report: Erickson presented the financial report.

Motion by Kimbler to receive and place on file the Financial Report. Second by Korpela. Motion carried 7 to 0.

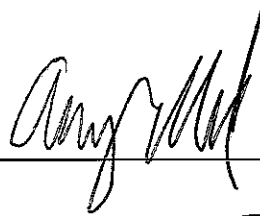
8. Items for Discussion and Consideration.
 - A. Discussion on Christmas wreaths and downtown decorations: Burchell addressed the Authority and gave an update on the meeting with the DIDA lighting committee. The DIDA discussed wrapping some of the downtown light poles with led lighting, the number of wreaths to purchase, volunteer help with lighting removal, and the potential need for contractor help of installation. The lighted street poles will be split between DIDA funding and City of Ironwood funding. Kimbler suggested asking Xcel Energy and Spectrum for volunteer community service. Hellen stated that this goal is a short term one and that long-term discussion will need to take place. There are 29 light poles to be wrapped by 300-500 count LED string lights.

Motion by Flory to buy 74 wreaths and wrapping 29 light poles using LED lights. Second by Hellen. Motion carried 7 to 0.

- B. Zoning Ordinance Update: The zoning ordinance has a draft under review by the Planning Commission and Economic Development Corporation. The consultants recently presented the draft to the Planning Commission.
 - C. Goal Update – (Short Term Goals (Downtown Historical Signage, Downtown Business COVID-19 Support Plan) Long Term Goals (TIF District, Water Trail Project)): The grant to fund the historical signage was unsuccessful. The committee will meet to discuss ways to proceed with the project. The TIF District may be expedited without the downtown plan. The water trail project is being worked on by Director Bergman. Hellen suggested using the Winter to prepare for the historical signage project to install in the Spring.
 - D. First Friday Update: October event is Plaidurday. Erickson encouraged everyone to attend and to invite others. The businesses in downtown have been in support of this event and most will stay open late. November First Friday was briefly discussed. Burchell discussed doing a mittens festival in coordination with the DAP for January.
9. Other Business: None.
10. Next Meeting: Thursday, October 28, 2021 at 8:00 a.m.

11. Adjournment.

Motion by Burchell to adjourn the meeting, second by Korpela. Motion carried 7 to 0.



Amy Nosal, Chair



Tim Erickson, Community Development Assistant