



**Proceedings of the Downtown Ironwood Development Authority
Thursday, March 28, 2024**

A regular meeting of the Downtown Ironwood Development Authority (DIDA) was held on Thursday, March 28, 2024 at 8:00 A.M. in the Ironwood Memorial Building Women’s Club Room.

1. Call to Order: Chair Flory 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	X			
Kim Corcoran	X			
Robert Alexander, Vice	X			
Lynne Wiercinski		X	X	
Eric Moran	X			
Ben Thompson	X			
Robbie Sardinha	X			
Bruce Greenhill	X			
	8	1	Quorum	

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

3. Approval of the February 22, 2024 Meeting Minutes:
**Motion by Alexander to approve the meeting minutes Second by Corcoran.
Motion carried 8 to 0.**
4. Approval of the Agenda:
Motion by Thompson to approve the agenda. Second by Alexander. 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. Receive and place on file the financial report: Flory asked about June First Friday porta potties. Sardinha asked about placing porta potties in the City Square for the weekends in the summer. Linn asked about the difference between contractual services and professional services.

Motion by Korpela to receive and place on file the financial report, second by Greenhill. Motion carried 8 to 0.

8. Items for Discussion and Consideration.
 - A. 2024-2025 Budget: Director Linn presented the budget. Thompson asked about demolition funding. Cigarette butts and bike racks will be considered for approval at the next month's meeting.
 - B. First Friday Update: Erickson updated the Authority with the upcoming happenings. Greenhill mentioned a Bridge Builders Grant to help fund an act at the Theatre.
 - C. Ironwood Chamber of Commerce Update: Meyer talked about an Arts and Cultural Affairs presentation and also a tourism presentation that will be presented to the public.
 - D. Social District Update: A draft social district ordinance will be presented at the next meeting. Alexander thought that the social district could be a good way to determine a focused area for other activities in the downtown.
 - E. Update on downtown vacant buildings: A downtown building on Suffolk street has been funded with \$500,000 of stabilization. Staff has met with the property owner at Suffolk St. to fix the façade and then to work with the insurance company to get the property fixed. The top priorities will start to be addressed in more detail during the meetings. Thompson presented five ideas to address vacant buildings. Alexander discussed learning the ordinance to bring unaddressed issues to the City. Staff will send out the zoning ordinance and a link to the city's code of ordinances to the Authority. Moran brought up the need for the DIDA to start soft to get the building owners who want to participate.
 - F. Discuss and consider additional Downtown string lights for poles: Erickson asked for a purchase to replace string lights that are burned out.

Motion by Thompson to approve the purchase of up to \$800 for string lights, second by Sardinha. Motion carried 7 to 0.

9. Other Business: Bergman brought up a grant that the Library received. The Library has the option to either do their project on their lot or to move the library.
10. Next Meeting: Thursday, April 25, 2024 at 8:00 a.m.

11. Adjournment.

Motion by Thompson to adjourn the meeting, second by Sardinha.



Cathy Flory, Chair



Tim Erickson, Community Development Assistant