



**Proceedings of the Downtown Ironwood Development Authority
Thursday, January 23, 2025**

A regular meeting of the Downtown Ironwood Development Authority (DIDA) was held on Thursday, January 23, 2025, 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			
Vacant				
Kim Corcoran	X			
Vacant				
Lynne Wiercinski	X			
Eric Moran		X	X	
Kevin Nyquist	X			
Robbie Sardinha		X	X	
Bruce Greenhill	X			
	5	2	Quorum	

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

3. Approval of the December 19, 2024, Meeting Minutes:
Motion by Corcoran to approve the meeting minutes. Second by Nyquist. Motion carried 5 to 0.
4. Approval of the Agenda:
Motion by Corcoran to approve the agenda. Second by Wiercinski. 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):
Rozina from the Gogebic Range Farmers Market Association would like to

advocate for helping fund the Depot Park Farmers Market. The market has been struggling for a few years now. Many of the members are aging out and staff is needed to keep it going. A dedicated market manager is needed. Corcoran asked how much funding the farmers market was seeking. Rozina said \$1000 would be sufficient to fund a manager.

7. Receive and place on file the financial report: Director Bergman presented the financial report.

Motion by Greenhill to receive and place on file the financial report, second by Corcoran. Motion carried 5 to 0.

8. Items for Discussion and Consideration.

- A. Downtown Entrance Sign Update: Erickson presented a mockup logo and entrance sign.
- B. 2025 Goal Setting: The TIF district assessments are up 3% from the previous year. A formal proposal from the farmers market will need to be presented to the DIDA for support consideration. Director Bergman presented the list of potential goals for 2025.

Motion by Nyquist to adopt the goals, second by Corcoran. Motion carried 5 to 0.

- C. Comprehensive Plan Update: The consultant is creating a survey to send out. The Strategic Housing Plan will be adopted in April.
- D. First Friday: Flory presented an email from Carol Erickson to do a Women's History Project. Sending downtown business email addresses to members of City boards was discussed. Utilizing Ironwood Chamber of Commerce addresses was discussed.

Motion by Nyquist to accept the poster with final approval from Flory and Corcoran, second by Greenhill. Motion carried 5 to 0.

- E. Ironwood Chamber of Commerce Update: Meyer asked for the DIDA to financially support the Depot Park Farmers Market. Meyer gave an update on the annual chamber banquet which was a success. The Ironwood destination guide will be printed by the end of March. The Depot is getting many visitors since there is more snow.
9. Other Business: Cathy talked about a potential mural project. She has been working with her friend who is doing a mural event in Grand Rapids. September First Friday is her targeted date.

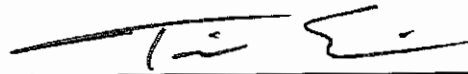
10. Next Meeting: Thursday, February 27, 2025, at 8:00 a.m.

11. Adjournment. 8:59 a.m.

Motion by Nyquist to adjourn the meeting, second by Wiercinski. All in favor.



Cathy Flory, Chair



Tim Erickson, Community Development Assistant