



Proceedings of the Downtown Ironwood Development Authority
Thursday, September 25, 2025

A regular meeting of the Downtown Ironwood Development Authority (DIDA) was held on Thursday, September 25, 2025, at 8:00 A.M. in the Ironwood Memorial Building Women's Club Room.

1. Call to Order: Director Bergman 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	X	
Kelsey Roble	X			
Lynne Wiercinski		X	X	
Vacant				
Kevin Nyquist	X			
Robbie Sardinha	X			
Bruce Greenhill	X			
	5	2	Quorum	

Also, present: Community Development Assistant Tim Erickson.

3. Approval of the August 28, 2025, Meeting Minutes:
Motion by Nyquist to approve the meeting minutes. Second by Roble. Motion carried 5 to 0.
4. Approval of the Agenda:
Motion by Roble to approve the amended agenda. Second by Nyquist. 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. Receive and place on file the financial report:

Motion by Nyquist to receive and place on file the financial report. Second by Roble. Motion carried 5 to 0.

8. Items for Discussion and Consideration.

A. Discussion on TIF Programming: Director Bergman brought up the need to prioritize projects for the TIF to fund. Façade funding could be increased per building. Something like a \$10,000 50/50 match could be piloted. Potentially funding roofs was talked about. Pop up shop program to provide rent for new businesses to fill vacant space. Utility support could be provided to someone who owns their building if they open a new business. Nyquist brought up a business retention for struggling business.

B. Discussion on Downtown Ice: The City Manager will be bringing this topic to the City Commission. The Parks and Rec committee has a goal of getting downtown ice location. An area at the Depot was talked about. Greenhill asked about placing it around the sidewalk. Depot park provides better parking. Asking if the Lumberjacks, Ice Crystals, and Polar Bears would get involved in this.

Motion by Sardinha to support pursuing a downtown ice rink. Second by Greenhill. Motion carried 5 to 0.

C. Downtown Entrance Sign Update: The downtown entrance sign was presented.

D. Mural Festival Wrap Up Discussion: Flory gave a briefing on the mural fest. WXPB article was done, and they will be doing a follow up article. The vacation giveaway had about 100 entries. Doing a plaque for each mural to provide some detail about the artist and the artwork was talked about. Graffiti coating needs to be added to each mural. Roble asked if the murals could get pictures taken and added online.

Motion by Nyquist to provide up to \$1000 to add protective graffiti coating to each mural. Second by Greenhill. Motion carried 5 to 0.

E. Comprehensive Plan Update: Final public review will be late next month.

F. First Friday: Erickson gave an update on October and December.

G. Ironwood Chamber of Commerce Update: Meyer talked about the decision to do 3 venues for Frost Friday instead of more. Volunteer fair will be November 6th at the Aurora club from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Depot Park tree lighting ceremony is coming up. Jack Frost parade is accepting applications for floats. He had reservation with the location of the approved ice-skating rink and talked about snowmobilers getting injured and also the grass getting destroyed. The Chamber has picked up 26 new members this year.

H. November HREC event: The HREC request and scavenger hunt details were presented.

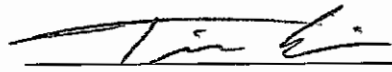
**Motion by Nyquist to support HREC moving forward with Native American History Month.
Second by Sardinha. Motion carried 5 to 0.**

9. Other Business:

10. Next Meeting: Thursday, October 23, 2025, at 8:00 a.m.

11. Adjournment. 9:02 a.m.

Motion by Nyquist to adjourn the meeting. Second by Roble. All in favor.


Cathy Flory, Chair
Tim Erickson, Community Development Assistant