



**Proceedings of the Downtown Ironwood Development Authority
Thursday, February 26, 2026**

A regular meeting of the Downtown Ironwood Development Authority (DIDA) was held on Thursday, February 26, 2026, 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			
Kelsey Roble	X			
Lynne Wiercinski		X	X	
Vacant				
Kevin Nyquist		X	X	
Robbie Sardinha	X			
Bruce Greenhill	X			
	5	2	Quorum	

Also, present: Community Development Assistant Tim Erickson and Paul Linn Finance Director

3. Approval of the December 18, 2026, Meeting Minutes:
Motion by Roble to approve the meeting minutes. Second by Corcoran. Motion carried 5 to 0.
4. Approval of the Agenda:
Motion by Corcoran to approve the agenda. Second by Roble. 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: Financial report was presented by Finance Director Paul Linn.

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. Find Your North Music Festival Update: Erickson gave a brief update on the event because the organizers couldn't make the meeting.
- B. Discuss and Consider MACC Grant Application: Erickson presented the MACC grant application request.

Motion by to approve the application and grant agreement to the Michigan Arts and Culture Council Experience Support Grant program for \$20,000 for Project Support and \$5,500 for Facility Improvement & Equipment and to allocate \$6,375 of matching funds. Second by Greenhill. Motion carried 6 to 0.

- C. Discussion on Flower Basket Purchase: Erickson presented the previous years expense and donation totals.

Motion by Sardinha to approve up to \$5,000 for flower baskets. Second by Roble. Motion carried 5 to 0.

- D. Comprehensive Plan Update:

- E. 2026 Goals:

- Adopt and Implement Start North Program: More information will be made available at the next meeting.
- Downtown Mural Project: \$11,750 was the amount that was spent for last year. Not utilizing the organization from last year was discussed. Featuring local artists is a goal. The timeline for getting artists, content and buildings decided was discussed. Getting sponsors was discussed along with partnerships with Emberlight.

Motion by Sardinha to move forward with the event and the artist application process and building selection process. Second by Roble. Motion carried 5 to 0.

- Downtown Snow Removal: Contacting a different snow removal company was discussed. Getting multiple quotes for snow removal was discussed.
- Feasibility Study for Masonic Temple: The DIDA would like more information to determine the need for a feasibility study. The Masonic Temples status as an important building to the downtown was agreed upon. Being proactive to encourage building maintenance was discussed.

- Blighted Buildings: Focusing on blighted buildings and what can be done was discussed.
- F. First Friday: Erickson gave an update on the activities for March.
- G. Ironwood Chamber of Commerce Update: Michael Meyer discussed the career exploration fair at GCC. The Chamber brochure rack is being revamped. Festival Ironwood steak feed was discussed.
- 9. Other Business: Corcoran asked to move the Ironwood Chamber update to the top of the discussion for next meeting.
- 10. Next Meeting: Thursday, March 26, 2026, at 8:00 a.m.
- 11. Adjournment. 9:26 a.m.

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



Cathy Flory, Chair



Tim Erickson, Community Development Assistant