



**Proceedings of the Downtown Ironwood Development Authority
Thursday, April 22, 2026**

A **Regular Meeting** of the Downtown Ironwood Development Authority (DIDA) was held on Thursday, April 22, 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 Tom Bergman Community Development Director.

3. Approval of the April 2, 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 Sardinha. 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: Director Bergman presented the report.

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

8. Items for Discussion and Consideration.

- A. Ironwood Chamber of Commerce Update: Director Meyers gave a chamber update. He talked about a business after five event that will start soon. Festival Ironwood planning and the schedule is continuing or completed.

- B. Pocket Park Maintenance and User Agreement: Director Bergman presented the agreement.

Motion by Roble to approve the agreement. Second by Corcoran. Motion carried 5 to 0.

- C. Find Your North Music Festival Sponsorship Request: Emily Fitting addressed the Authority and gave an update on the festival and asked for downtown support. She talked about rebranding from last year. She has been meeting with individual business throughout the downtown. Some of the activities that will happen during the event was discussed. Rusted Root is the headliner, and the event is free to the public. Adam Gruel with Horseshoes and Hand Grenades will be the MC. She's asking for the DIDA to support the event by helping spread the word about the event. They are working on getting a free two-day pass for ATV/UTV's if they are coming from Wisconsin and coming to Ironwood. Corcoran asked about a schedule of events and venue locations. Rain backup was discussed, but they are still working on the solution for that.

Motion by Corcoran to approve a \$1000 sponsorship from the TIF funds. Second by Sardinha. Motion carried 5 to 0.

- D. Banff Mountain Film Festival: The Historic Ironwood Theatre is hosting the Banff Mountain Film Festival for two seasons. They are working on additional programming to support the event. If the event goes well, they will have the option to sign a five-year contract.

- E. Contract for July First Friday Festival: Erickson presented the contract.

Motion by Roble to approve the contract. Second by Corcoran. Motion carried 5 to 0.

- F. 2026 Goals.

- Adopt and Implement Start North Program: No update.
- Downtown Mural Project: A committee to score muralists was discussed. An email will be sent out to interested committee members to help determine who will be hired. The scoring spreadsheet was discussed. Pairing up buildings and artists was discussed. Selecting artists and requiring or not requiring mockups was discussed.

\$20,000 has been budgeted for the event. Emberlight Festival showed interest in collaboration for next season.

- Downtown Snow Removal: A work session with the City Commission is scheduled for the next Monday at 5:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers.
- Feasibility Study for Masonic Temple: The City is trying to make contact with the building owner.

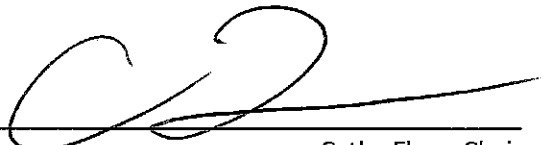
G. First Friday: Erickson discussed the May event and the summer concert series.

9. Other Business: None.

10. Next Meeting: Thursday, May 28, 2026, at 8:00 a.m.

11. Adjournment. 9:03 a.m.

Motion by Corcoran to adjourn the meeting. Second by Roble. All in favor. Motion Carried 5 to 0.



Cathy Flory, Chair

Tim Erickson, Community Development Assistant