



**Proceedings of the Downtown Ironwood Development Authority
Thursday, May 22, 2025**

A regular meeting of the Downtown Ironwood Development Authority (DIDA) was held on Thursday, May 22, 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			
Kevin Nyquist	X			
Robbie Sardinha		X	X	
Bruce Greenhill	X			
	6	1	Quorum	

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

3. Approval of the March 27, 2025, Meeting Minutes:
Motion by Greenhill to approve the meeting minutes. Second by Corcoran. Motion carried 6 to 0.
4. Approval of the Agenda:
Motion by Corcoran to approve the agenda. Second by Nyquist. Motion carried 6 to 0.
5. Citizens wishing to address the Authority on Items on the Agenda (Three-Minute Limit): Nyquist introduced the Ironwood Chamber of Commerce fundraiser.

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 financial report. Greenhill asked for an update on contractual expenditures.

**Motion by Greenhill to receive and place on file the financial report. Second by Nyquist.
Motion carried 6 to 0.**

8. Discuss and Consider Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026:

Motion by Nyquist to adopt the budget. Second by Greenhill. Motion carried 6 to 0.

9. Items for Discussion and Consideration.

- A. 210 S. Suffolk Street Project Update: Director Bergman met with the MEDC and consultants to pursue cost estimates for the project. A purchase agreement is in place for the purchase of the property, but the City isn't locked into a purchase. The state needs to know by June 20th what the direction is. The Engineering cost estimate for stabilization will be soon before the deadline. The TIF can be used to pay for any cost overages. Greenhill would like to have more discussion for the board to have consensus on how much money the Authority is comfortable with funding the stabilization.

The DIDA will tentatively meet on Monday, June 16th at 8:00 a.m. to go over the cost estimates.

- B. Downtown Entrance Sign Update: The City is waiting for survey results. Removing part of the sidewalk at the location is being pursued.
- C. Update on Mural Festival: Cathy discussed some of the species that were identified by the Ottawa National Forest along with tribal members. Cathy went over some additional events to fit in with the festival. Locating buildings needs to happen. The budget was presented. The DIDA has the ability to fund the entire project if needed. Flory has a partnership with Denver Air and their new Muskegon to Ironwood connection flight. Developing a letter for businesses to participate can be created. Nyquist asked for the businesses that donate to the flower baskets to get a letter too.

**Motion by Corcoran to move forward with the mural festival project. Second by Nyquist.
Motion carried 6 to 0.**

- D. Comprehensive Plan Update: Director Bergman provided an update for the plan. The City Commission is expected to adopt the Housing Plan in June. The Comprehensive Plan Revision is expected to be adopted end of summer. A zoning revision will be done again.
- E. First Friday: Erickson talked about the June event. The August and September bands are being switched around.

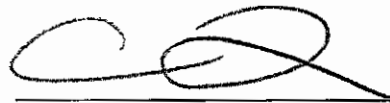
F. Ironwood Chamber of Commerce Update: Meyer brought up the update with the FE calendar. Tree removal at the depot happened. Festival Ironwood is underway, and all the acts are booked. The Chamber Depot has been welcoming regular visitors. The chamber is losing businesses, and he would like to improve his membership. The Ironwood Destination guide has been distributed. After the website is up and running, they will be looking more at funding mechanisms.

10. Other Business: Greenhill brought up the new Arts Ironwood calendar.

11. Next Meeting: Thursday, May 22, 2025, at 8:00 a.m.

12. Adjournment. 9:06 a.m.

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



Cathy Flory, Chair



Tim Erickson, Community Development Assistant