

June 22, 1993

DOWNTOWN IRONWOOD DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

A regular meeting of the Downtown Ironwood Development Authority was held on the above date, 7:30 A.M., First of America Bank Boardroom, 200 S. Suffolk Street, Ironwood, Michigan.

1. Call to Order.

Chairperson Bergquist called the meeting to order at 7:30 A.M.

2. Recording of the Roll.

PRESENT: Butler, Forslund, Burchell, Johnson, Newman, Lorensen,
and Chairperson Bergquist.

ABSENT: Murphy and Kinnunen.

OTHERS

PRESENT: Russell Dawson.

3. Consider approval of the May 18, 1993, Minutes.

Motion by Butler, supported by Forslund. CARRIED. To approve the above Minutes as presented.

4. Update on Recruitment Committee meeting held on June 3rd with Pat Coleman.

An Executive Director job description/advertisement was submitted for review by Pat Coleman. One item that needs to be corrected was the address resumes should be mailed to.

Chairperson Bergquist updated the members as follows:

- Each organization presented what qualifications they desired in a Director, many of these overlapped. One qualification all agreed on was that the person should have a community planning background.
- Pat Coleman volunteered to develop a job description/advertisement for the required position - expenses up to \$500 to be reimbursed.
- City has budgeted \$7,500 for the position, DIDA \$10,000 with the balance to be covered by the Ironwood Chamber of Commerce.
- Advertisement for position will be in trade magazines as well as the local media.
- Three or four applicants will be recommended by Mr. Coleman.
A meeting will then be scheduled with the Recruitment Committee.

Russell Dawson, possible applicant for the position, was present and noted that it was nice to see organizations working together. Mr. Dawson offered his assistance to the organizations until a decision has been made on hiring an applicant.

5. Discussion on Downtown District Street Cleaning.

Mayor Lorenson informed the group that the City's street sweeper is broken and that custom parts are presently being made. This is a high maintenance machine and because of this, the City of Hurley will not lease their machine to Ironwood. The closest street sweeper to lease is from the Minneapolis area which is not feasible. The City has attempted to work with the City of Bessemer, however, both seem to need the street sweeper at the same time.

6. Discussion on Downtown District Blight Ordinance.

A copy of the City's Blight Ordinance was handed out. Chairperson Bergquist informed the members that she has discussed the downtown district blight areas with Code Enforcement Officer Joe Rigoni. He is presently working on blight areas of concern. Any complaints on blight can be directed to Mr. Rigoni. Mayor Lorenson noted that the courts are very reluctant to take action with regard to blight, however, the City Attorney is very aggressive on this item.

7. Other Business.

Mayor Lorenson reminded Member Burchell and Forslund that their term of office will expire June 30th. If they are interested in requesting reappointment, to contact Secretary Ziemann.

Mayor Lorenson indicated that the Ironwood Chamber of Commerce would like the City to take more aggressive action on loitering, cruising, etc. in the downtown district. The City will be assigning officers extra shifts to monitor the situation. The City needs the DIDA's support on this effort as well as area businesses. Therefore, Mayor Lorenson is asking that the DIDA write a letter requesting the City of Ironwood take aggressive action on loitering, cruising, etc. and to encourage property owners to contact the City about taking action when they see a problem.

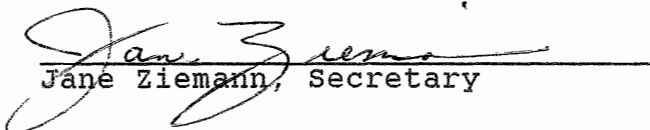
Member Forslund left the meeting at 7:58 A.M.

Chairperson Bergquist reminded the members of the upcoming Downtown Festival 1993 held July 15 - 18th.

8. Adjournment.

Motion by Johnson, supported by Newman. To adjourn this meeting at 8:05 A.M.

Minutes taken by:


Jane Ziemann, Secretary