

July 27, 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: Forslund, Johnson, Kinnunen, Lorenson, Newman, and
Chairperson Bergquist.
(Butler arrived at 7:55 A.M.)

EXCUSED: Murphy.
One Vacancy.

3. Consider approval of the June 22, 1993, Minutes.

Motion by Forslund, supported by Johnson. CARRIED. To approve the June 22, 1993, Minutes as presented.

4. Oath of Office: Clarence Forslund.

Secretary Ziemann administered the Oath of Office to Forslund.

5. Consider resolution renewing subscription to Downtown Idea Exchange.

Motion by Forslund, supported by Lorenson. CARRIED. To authorize renewal of the subscription to Downtown Idea Exchange.

6. Update on shared Director position.

Chairperson Bergquist updated the DIDA on the progress of the shared Director position. An ad for the position was developed by Pat Coleman, however, he requested the handling of the advertisement be done through the Recruitment Committee (a list of suggested newspapers to place the ad in was submitted by Mr. Coleman). Applicants will be reviewed by Mr. Coleman along with a recommendation on same. At present, there has been two inquiries for the position.

7. Consider resolution changing the time of the regular meetings.

This item was at the request of a DIDA member who could not make the early morning meetings.

Motion by Forslund, supported by Kinnunen. CARRIED. To change the regular meeting day and time to the 4th Thursday of the month at 12:00 Noon (luncheon meeting).

8. Report on Festival Ironwood '93.

Chairperson Bergquist reported on the Festival as follows:

- Pleased with the crowd - will have another Festival next year.
- Biggest expense was the tent and floor.
- Booths all made money.
- Festival made enough money to pay for the bands.
- Jaycees underwrote the Festival.
- 111 cars in Classic Car Show - will expand space for another 30 cars next year.

Member Forslund left the meeting at 7:45 A.M.

A question was asked whether the DIDA could make a contribution to the Festival next year. It was felt that because the Festival promotes activities in the Downtown, that possibly a contribution could be made. Also, it was suggested that the various communities buy a tent and all share it during their different festivals. To save additional expense, it is hopeful that the Festival Committee can build its own floor for future use.

9. Other Business.

Comment was noted on the length of time it is taking for the demolition of the S&L Building. A question was asked as to what the lot will be used for once the building has been demolished. It was noted that the lot will be used for a parking facility for the furniture store now in the Gertz Building. Curb cuts on the lot was discussed, however, the State controls this item. There is one curb cut off Aurora Street at present.

Member Butler arrived at 7:55 A.M.

Member Butler informed the DIDA that the Chamber of Commerce was requested by the Ironwood Planning Commission for input on whether the flashing arrow signs located on US-2 should be allowed. He suggested that the DIDA also discuss this matter. Secretary Ziemann was asked to place this item on next month's Agenda.

10. Adjournment.

Motion by Newman, supported by Johnson. CARRIED. To adjourn this meeting at 8:03 A.M.

Minutes Taken By:


Jane Ziemann, Secretary