

January 5, 1993

DOWNTOWN IRONWOOD DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

A Special Meeting of the Downtown Ironwood Development Authority was held on the above date, 8:00 A.M., Boardroom of the First of America Bank, 200 S. Suffolk Street, Ironwood, Michigan.

1. Call to Order.

Chairman Butler called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M.

2. Recording of the Roll.

PRESENT: Forslund, Burchell, Johnson, Bergquist, and Chairman Butler.  
Newman arrived at 8:05 A.M.

EXCUSED: Murphy.

ABSENT: Kinnunen and Lorenson.

3. Review and consider action regarding proposed variance.

This meeting was scheduled to review Clarence Forslund's variance request concerning buildings at 217-219 and 220-222 E. Aurora Street. The City Attorney suggested that a recommendation be received from the DIDA (as well as the Planning Commission) on Mr. Forslund's proposed project to construct ground floor apartments. A Public Hearing on same is scheduled for January 11, 1993.

Mr. Forslund submitted a written statement noting that the building located at 220 E. Aurora Street will not be changed in appearance. The building located at 217-219 E. Aurora Street will have some changes to the building's front, however, he will make an effort to rebuild the front to be an appropriate decor for the character of the area as well as meeting the City Building Code.

In answering a few questions, Mr. Forslund noted that the entrances of the building will stay the same but that the glass structure will be changed, possibly to a picture window which opens on each side. A roof drainage problem (due to a cracked pipe) on the building has been corrected. When asked about providing the necessary parking, Mr. Forslund noted an available City Lot plus his own lot for parking. He indicated the possibility of senior citizens renting the apartments of which many do not own vehicles.

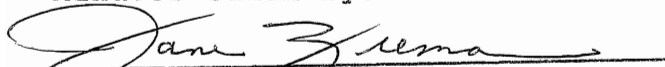
Member Forslund requested that he be allowed to abstain from voting. Motion by Newman, supported by Johnson. CARRIED. That Mr. Forslund be allowed to abstain from voting due to a conflict of interest.

Motion by Johnson, supported by Bergquist. CARRIED. That the City Commission, acting as the Board of Zoning Appeals, approve Mr. Forslund's variance request with the stipulation that he maintain the structural integrity of the building(s).

4. Adjournment.

Motion by Johnson, supported by Burchell. CARRIED. That this meeting be adjourned at 8:15 A.M.

Minutes Taken By:

  
Jane Ziemann, Secretary