

January 26, 1993

DOWNTOWN IRONWOOD DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

A regular scheduled meeting of the Downtown Ironwood Development Authority was held on the above date, 7:30 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 7:35 A.M.

2. Recording of the Roll.

PRESENT: Johnson, Burchell, Bergquist, Lorenson, Murphy and Chairman Butler.

EXCUSED: Newman.

ABSENT: Forslund, and Kinnunen.

3. Consider approval of the December 22, 1992 regular meeting minutes and the January 5, 1993 special meeting minutes.

Motion by Bergquist, supported by Johnson. CARRIED. To approve the above noted minutes as presented.

4. Discussion on UP Industrial Promotion Project.

This topic dealt with a letter received from Operation Action U.P. dated December 8, 1992 referencing the U.P. Industrial Promotion Project. Although there was a consensus of support for this project, some concerns were noted about the organization.

Some concerns noted were:

- The need to address such issues as cost to do business, transportation and work force.
- Program doesn't seem to expand to the western end of the U.P. - seems to concentrate on the central end.
- Projects not well recognized here - no member has ever attended a local organization's meeting, although invitation has gone out to do so.
- No representation from the western U.P. on their Board of Directors.
- If Operation Action U.P. doesn't work on a coordination basis, they could conflict with area organizations.

Motion by Burchell, supported by Johnson. CARRIED. To support Operation Action U.P.'s Industrial Promotion Project but to highly recommend that the western end of the U.P. have representation on their Board of Directors.

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It was agreed that a letter will be submitted to Operation Action U.P. regarding the DIDA's support for their project and to also invite members of their Board to attend a joint meeting with area organizations to better understand each other's programs.

5. Election of Officers: Chairperson & Vice Chairperson.

Motion by Butler, supported by Johnson. CARRIED. To nominate JoAnn Bergquist as Chairperson.

Motion by Bergquist, supported by Burchell. CARRIED. To nominate Johnson as Vice Chairperson.

6. Discussion on 1993 Goals & Objectives.

Butler noted that the Future Task Force Committee is moving forward and believes the Authority should hold off on advertising for a new Director until the role of the Chamber is decided. Goals and objectives could also be tabled until this occurs.

Motion by Johnson, supported by Murphy. CARRIED. To table this item until a later date.

Member Murphy left the meeting at 7:55 A.M.

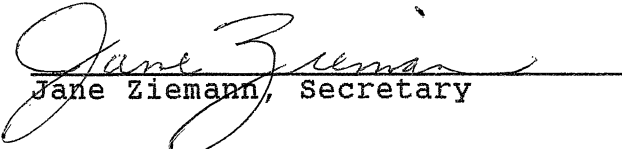
7. Other Business.

Brief mention was made to how well the downtown sidewalks are looking with regard to snow removal. City parking lots need to also be kept clean. Final notice has been advertised in the C-2 District regarding sidewalk maintenance and Joe Rigoni, Code Enforcement Officer, will be monitoring the enforcement.

8. Adjournment.

Motion by Johnson, supported by Lorensen. CARRIED. To adjourn this meeting at 8:10 A.M.

Minutes Taken By:


Jane Ziemann, Secretary