

**Proceedings of the Downtown Ironwood Development Authority
Thursday, August 27, 2020**

A regular meeting of the Downtown Ironwood Development Authority (DIDA) was held on Thursday, August 27, 2020 at 8:00 A.M. via Zoom video conferencing software.

1. Call to Order: Chairperson Amy Nosal 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			
Nancy Korpela, Vice	X			
Annette Burchell		X	X	
Jake Ring	X			
Amy Nosal	X			
Vacant				
Ivan Hellen	X			
Anna Lovelace	X			
Vacant				
	6	0	Quorum	

Also, present: Community Development Director, Tom Bergman, Community Development Specialist, Tim Erickson and Ironwood Public Safety Director Andrew Digiorgio

3. Approval of the July 23, 2020 Meeting Minutes:
Motion by Flory to postpone the approval of the meeting minutes. Second by Korpela. Motion carried 5 to 0.
4. Approval of the Agenda:
Motion by Hellen to approve the amended agenda to add item 8A1. Second by Flory. Motion carried 5 to 0.
5. Citizens wishing to address the Authority on Items on the Agenda (Three-Minute Limit):
None.
6. Citizens wishing to address the Authority on Items not on the Agenda (Three-Minute Limit):
Ironwood Chamber of Commerce Director discussed the planning for the Jack

Frost Festival. He mentioned that some of the events are cancelled due to COVID-19, with some new events that align with adequate social distancing. He talked about a restructuring of the events and the need to get feedback from yearly participants.

7. Financial Report:

Motion by Flory to accept the Financial Reports. Second by Korpela. Motion carried 6 to 0.

8. Items for Discussion and Consideration:

A1. Audience with Ironwood Public Safety Director: Director Digiorgio talked about working with the DIDA for future meetings to help engage community members. He is looking for the DIDA to help guide his department.

A. Update on Marihuana Establishments Ordinance: Director Bergman gave an update on the proposed ordinance and gave a brief history of the project. He stated that the City Commission has a chance to vote on the ordinance at their next regular meeting on September 14th. He presented the map. They discussed what other communities are doing and what types of businesses have already approached the City for development.

B. Update on MEDC Restart Grant Program: Director Bergman said that the City of Ironwood had about 40 applications. The MEDC will make final decisions and announcements by September 30th.

C. Update on TIF District and Downtown Development and TIF Plan: Once the zoning ordinance revision is complete, the DIDA can move forward with the TIF plan.

D. Update on Water Trail Project: The City Commission adopted the resolution in support of the project. Director Bergman thanked Nosal and Ring for making supporting comments at the City Commission meeting. Hellen suggested including historical aspects to the project.

E. Update on City Square: The project is progressing close to schedule and went into some detail about what they are currently constructing. They discussed kiosk items for the park and the skating rink.

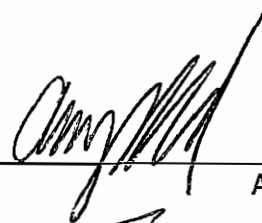
F. First Friday Update: Erickson went over the October First Friday plans and discussed the need for the Committee to meet to finalize October plans and discuss December.

9. Other Business: Hellen discussed needing some decorations on the 300 block of Aurora St. in downtown.

Nosal asked Bergman to talk to Scott Erickson about getting garbage cans at Plum and Honey.

10. Next Meeting: September 24, 2020 at 8:00 a.m.

Motion by Flory to adjourn, second by Lovelace, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 6 to 0.



Amy Nosal, Chair



Tim Erickson, Community Development Specialist