



**Proceedings of the Downtown Ironwood Development Authority  
Thursday, July 22, 2021**

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A regular meeting of the Downtown Ironwood Development Authority (DIDA) was held on Thursday, July 22, 2021 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	X	
Nancy Korpela, Vice	X			
Annette Burchell	X			
Jake Ring	X			
Amy Nosal	X			
Darrin Kimbler	X			
Ivan Hellen	X			
Anna Lovelace		X	X	
Bruce Greenhill		X	X	
	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Quorum</b>	

Also, present: Community Development Director, Tom Bergman, and Community Development Assistant, Tim Erickson.

3. Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson

**Nomination by Burchell for Nosal as Chairperson.**

**Motion by Kimbler to cast unanimous ballot for Nosal. Second by Korpela. Motion carried 6 to 0.**

**Nomination by Hellen for Korpela as Vice-Chair.**

**Motion by Kimbler to cast unanimous ballot for Korpela. Second by Burchell. Motion carried 6 to 0.**

4. Approval of the May 27, 2021 Meeting Minutes:

**Motion by Korpela to approve the meeting minutes. Second by Hellen. Motion carried 5 to 0. With Kimbler abstaining.**

5. Approval of the Agenda:

**Motion by Korpela to approve the agenda. Second by Kimbler. Motion carried 6 to 0.**

6. Citizens wishing to address the Authority on Items on the Agenda (Three-Minute Limit): None.

7. Citizens wishing to address the Authority on Items not on the Agenda (Three-Minute Limit): Director Meyer with the Ironwood Chamber discussed Festival Ironwood. Festival Ironwood wrap up meeting will take place. He brought up the need for more restrooms for the festival and police presence or better signage to prevent smoking and dogs. Kimbler thanked Festival Ironwood for allowing the Depot Farmers Market as part of the Festival. He brought up that the City Square is being overwatered and needs to be addressed.

8. Receive and place on file the Monthly Financial Report: Director Bergman presented the financial report.

**Motion by Korpela to receive and place on file the Financial Report. Second by Hellen. Motion carried 6 to 0.**

9. Items for Discussion and Consideration.

A. Discussion and Consideration of grant application for the 2021 MCACA Minigrant for First Friday Music Series.

**Motion by Hellen to the grant application for the 2021 MCACA Minigrant. Second by Kimbler. Motion carried 5 to 0. Nosal was not present for vote.**

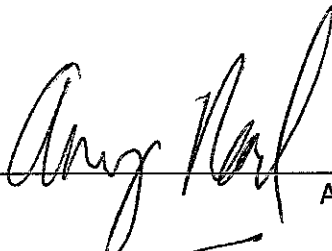
B. Update on application for MML 2021 Microgrant Program (Downtown Historical Signage). Director Bergman updated the Authority with the application.


C. Goal Update – (Short Term Goals (Downtown Historical Signage, Downtown Business COVID-19 Support Plan) Long Term Goals (TIF District, Water Trail Project)): The money allocated to the City of Ironwood and the State of Michigan through the rescue grant may impact some of the goals. Director Bergman would like to get the TIF District going soon. The Water Trail has the potential to be a larger project and to work with the Michigan and Wisconsin DNR to remove ongoing down trees.

D. Update on Marihuana Establishments Licensing: The preliminary licenses have been approved by the City Commission and Planning Commission. The selected applicants were discussed.

- E. First Friday Update: The First Friday Committee met to discuss vendors at the market and the October through January events. The Committee will meet again in the coming weeks.
10. Other Business: Burchell asked about creative and affordable options for Winter decorations. A subcommittee will discuss the decorations.
11. Next Meeting: Thursday, August 26, 2021 at 8:00 a.m.
12. Adjournment.

**Motion by Korpela to adjourn the meeting, second by Burchell. Motion carried 5 to 0.**

  
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Amy Nosal, Chair

  
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Tim Erickson, Community Development Assistant