

**Proceedings of the Downtown Ironwood Development Authority
Thursday, May 27, 2021**

A regular meeting of the Downtown Ironwood Development Authority (DIDA) was held on Thursday, May 27, 2021 at 8:00 A.M. via Zoom video conferencing software.

1. Call to Order: Chairperson Amy Nosal called the meeting to order at 8:04 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	X	
Amy Nosal	X			
Darrin Kimbler		X	X	
Ivan Hellen	X			
Anna Lovelace		X	X	
Bruce Greenhill	X			
	5	4	Quorum	

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

3. Approval of the April 22, 2021 Meeting Minutes:
Motion by Hellen to approve the meeting minutes. Second by Korpela. Motion carried 5 to 0.
4. Approval of the Agenda:
Motion by Greenhill to approve the agenda. Second by Korpela. Motion carried 5 to 0.
5. Citizens wishing to address the Authority on Items on the Agenda (Three-Minute Limit): Meyer with the Ironwood Chamber of Commerce address the Authority. He discussed his new hours at the Depot due to the Summer season and the MDOT Welcome Center temporarily closed. He presented the Ironwood visitor guide and discussed the UP North Action Guide.

6. Citizens wishing to address the Authority on Items not on the Agenda (Three-Minute Limit): None.
7. Receive and place on file the Monthly Financial Report: Director Bergman gave an update on income and expenditures.

Motion by Greenhill to receive and place on file the Financial Report. Second by Korpela. Motion carried 5 to 0.

8. Items for Discussion and Consideration.
 - A. Discuss and Consider Pocket Park Contract with Range Master Gardeners: Director Bergman gave an explanation of the contract and why the contract needs to be changed. Kimbler sent an email to Bergman requesting \$1,950 total to be paid instead of monthly installments. Nosal suggested allowing them to request half of the total amount in the beginning of the season and the other half at the end of the season. Greenhill discussed having an end date to the contract. Korpela suggested monthly reimbursement. The authority decided to revise the contract and to determine who is mowing the lawn before the contract is approved.

Motion by Korpela to table the item. Second by Greenhill. Motion carried 5 to 0.

- B. Discuss and Consider application for MML 2021 Microgrant Program (Downtown Historical Signage): Director Bergman discussed applying for Historical Signage.

Motion by Flory to apply for the grant. Second by Greenhill. Motion carried 5 to 0.

- C. Goal Update – (Short Term Goals (Downtown Historical Signage, Downtown Business COVID-19 Support Plan) Long Term Goals (TIF District, Water Trail Project)): Hellen discussed the signs sizes, designs, locations, and philosophy of the tour.

Motion by Greenhill to move forward with the project on condition that wherever possible 16" x 23" is used, but project director has discretion to choose the size of the sign and to purchase 10,000 brochures per the estimate provided by Sharp Graphic Design. Second by Korpela. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Director Bergman discussed the Restaurant Revitalization Program. He talked about façade funding that is needed for downtown and that the MEDC façade program is discontinued. The first reviewable draft of the zoning ordinance will be presented in the coming week. The DNR gave official approval for the Water Trail Project.

- D. Update on Marihuana Establishments Licensing: Director Bergman gave an update on the status of the Planning Commission process.
 - E. First Friday Update: Erickson gave a brief update on the First Friday Music Series. Discussion took place about the logistics and times for the other events. Nosal gave an update on the Pride Picnic in the Park.
9. Other Business: Hellen discussed the Ironwood Positive group and that they want to do movies in the park. Erickson gave an update and said that he met with the Vice-Chair and offered City equipment for their event.

Director Bergman thanked Amy for getting FE Live Life Event Calendar on Instagram.

Director Bergman asked the Authority if they would like to transition back to in person meetings. The Authority decided to keep doing virtual for the moment.

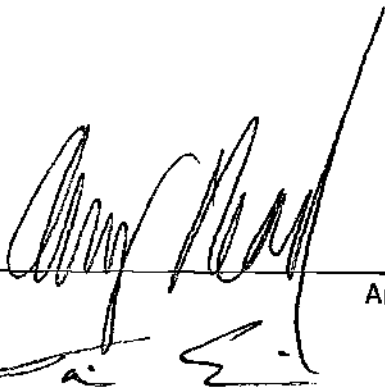
Hellen would like a historical sign at the Curry Park to direct people downtown.

Director Bergman talked about a new sign that is being considered at the US2 and Douglas Blvd entrance.


10. Next Meeting: Thursday, June 24, 2021 at 8:00 a.m.

11. Adjournment.

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



Amy Nosal, Chair



Tim Erickson, Community Development Assistant