



**Proceedings of the Downtown Ironwood Development Authority
Thursday, February 24, 2022**

A regular meeting of the Downtown Ironwood Development Authority (DIDA) was held on Thursday, February 24, 2022 at 8:00 A.M. via Zoom video conferencing software.

1. Call to Order: Chairperson Amy Nosal called the meeting to order at 8:01 A.M.
2. Recording of the Roll.

MEMBER	PRESENT		EXCUSED	NOT EXCUSED
	YES	NO		
Cathy Flory		X	X	
Nancy Korpela, Vice	X			
Kim Corcoran	X			
Vacant				
Amy Nosal	X			
Vacant				
Ivan Hellen	X			
Anna Lovelace	X			
Bruce Greenhill	X			
	6	1	Quorum	

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

3. Approval of the January 27, 2022 Meeting Minutes:
Motion by Corcoran to approve the meeting minutes. Second by Hellen. Motion carried 6 to 0.
4. Approval of the Agenda:
Motion by Corcoran to approve the agenda. Second by Greenhill. Motion carried 6 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):
None.

7. Receive and place on file the Monthly Financial Report: The Authority reviewed the report.

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

8. Discuss and Consider Flower Basket Order and donation letter: Bergman presented the memo. The Authority discussed increasing the donation

Motion by Hellen to approve the purchase of 75 baskets and to change the donation letter to request \$45 per basket. Second by Corcoran. Motion carried 6 to 0.

9. Items for Discussion and Consideration.

- A. Update on Zoning Ordinance Revision: Director Bergman gave an update on the completion of the zoning ordinance. There has been some discussion on regulating medical marijuana locations within the City of Ironwood.

- B. 2022 Goals – Short Term

- Downtown Development Plan and TIF Plan: The City is moving forward with a company to do the plans. The cost came in under budget and stakeholders will be engaged.
- Historic Signage Downtown Project: The small group will meet soon. Twenty different sites will have historical signage that will correspond with a brochure. They discussed having a corresponding webpage with corresponding QR codes. The Committee will meet Monday, March 7 at 2:00 p.m.
- Support businesses with snow removal procedures: Discussion will happen in the next several months.
- Develop First Friday scheduling and Committee outreach:
- Promote Downtown cleanliness: Corcoran discussed getting more trash cans for the area. Corcoran asked who's responsibility the trees would be. Bergman suggested talking with Darrin Kimbler for some suggestions.
- Improve parking information: They discussed having better signage or advertisement for parking in downtown. The DIDA could have a parking map. Tim and Jason will work together to get a map together.
- Downtown Entrances (Discussion with City Commission): The Authority discussed collaborated discussion with the City Commission for a new sign.

- C. 2022 Goals – Long Term

- Connect and Develop Montreal River Trail: No update.
- Downtown Improvement with MEDC: The downtown development plan will help the DIDA to identify improvements to buildings and infrastructure.
- Support efforts to improve housing analysis and development: WUPPDR is doing a housing study which will be relevant to the downtown. The City has a small

amount of money for façade improvements. The MEDC doesn't have a facade program, but they do have full building rehab grants. Greenhill suggested getting funding for buildings on the historical register.

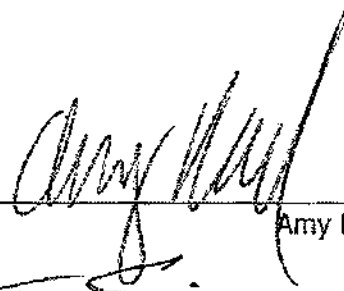
D. First Friday Update – Approval of 2022 First Friday Schedule: No update.

10. Other Business: Hellen brought up the ice rink in the City square. Hellen asked about the marijuana microbusiness in the downtown. He brought up the First Friday pride fashion show. Corcoran asked about filling the vacancies.

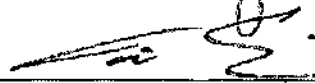
11. Next Meeting: Thursday, March 24, 2022 at 8:00 a.m.

12. Adjournment.

Motion by Corcoran to adjourn the meeting, second by Hellen. Motion carried 6 to 0.



Amy Nosal, Chair



Tim Erickson, Community Development Assistant