



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

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A regular meeting of the Downtown Ironwood Development Authority (DIDA) was held on Thursday, March 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			
Nancy Korpela, Vice	X			
Kim Corcoran	X			
Vacant				
Amy Nosal	X			
Vacant				
Ivan Hellen	X			
Anna Lovelace	X			
Bruce Greenhill		X	X	
	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Quorum</b>	

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

3. Approval of the February 24, 2022 Meeting Minutes:  
**Motion by Korpela 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 Korpela. 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. Linn discussed the need for a budget amendment.

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

8. Discuss and Consider 2022-2023 budget (Audience with Paul Linn, Finance Director): Director Linn gave an update on the budget and some of the big item expenses. Taxable revenue has increased since the last fiscal year. Bergman brought up expenses for the Art Park and for the historical project. Corcoran brought up purchasing artificial lights. Linn recommended that the DIDA keep a minimum of \$5,000 in fund balance. The fund balance will be reducing by \$4,500 for the Downtown Development Plan. The DIDA decided to wait to approve for the next meeting.

**Motion by Cocoran to table this item. Second by Korpela. Motion carried 6 to 0.**

9. Items for Discussion and Consideration.

- A. Update on Zoning Ordinance Revision: Director Bergman gave an update on the medical marijuana ordinance.

- B. 2022 Goals – Short Term

- Downtown Development Plan and TIF Plan (Upcoming meetings): The consultants will be coming to the next DIDA meeting.
- Historic Signage Downtown Project (Update): Director Bergman met with the group and which decided to get Sandy Sharp involved. \$4,000 out of fund balance would be able to cover the design and production. Volunteers or city crews may be installing the signs. Some of the signs will require posts.

**Motion by Flory to move forward with the project. Second by Korpela. Motion carried 6 to 0.**

- Support businesses with snow removal procedures: Nothing to report.
- Develop First Friday scheduling and Committee outreach: Nosal talked about moving forward with poster revisions.
- Promote Downtown cleanliness: Trash cleanup and weed pulling could be scheduled as part of the May First Friday.
- Improve parking information: Director Bergman discussed having public parking as part of the historic signage map. Parking information and restrooms could be a part of any new downtown maps.
- Downtown Entrances (Discussion with City Commission): This will be brought up to the City Commission for their goal setting process. There may be the opportunity to extend the downtown boundaries down Douglas Boulevard.

- C. 2022 Goals – Long Term

- Connect and Develop Montreal River Trail: The beltline acquisition projects are in process. This project will be connecting Norrie Park to the downtown.
- Downtown Improvement with MEDC:
- Support efforts to improve housing analysis and development:

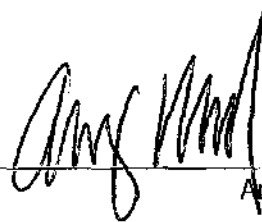
D. First Friday Update – Approval of 2022 First Friday Schedule: No update.

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, April 28, 2022 at 8:00 a.m.

12. Adjournment.

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



Amy Nosal, Chair



Tim Erickson, Community Development Assistant