

**Proceedings of the Downtown Ironwood Development Authority
Thursday, November 17, 2022**

A regular meeting of the Downtown Ironwood Development Authority (DIDA) was held on Thursday, November 17, 2022 at 8:00 A.M. in the City of Ironwood Commission Chambers

1. Call to Order: Chair Nosal called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M.
2. Recording of the Roll.

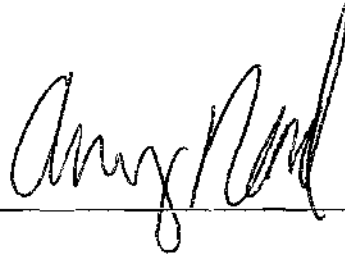
MEMBER	PRESENT		EXCUSED	NOT EXCUSED
	YES	NO		
Cathy Flory	X			
Nancy Korpela, Vice	X			
Kim Corcoran	X			
Robert Alexander	X			
Amy Nosal	X			
Molly Gardner	X			
Ivan Heilen		X	X	
Robbie Sardinha	X			
Bruce Greenhill	X			
	8	1	Quorum	

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

3. Approval of the October 27, 2022 Meeting Minutes:
Motion by Corcoran to approve the meeting minutes. Second by Korpela. Motion carried 8 to 0.
4. Approval of the Agenda:
Motion by Korpela to approve the Agenda with item 7 removed. Second by Greenhill. Motion carried 8 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 financial report: This item was removed from the agenda.
8. Items for Discussion and Consideration.
 - A. Downtown Development Plan Update: Bergman gave an update with the plan. The Downtown Area Citizens Council has been appointed by the City Commission. Bergman and Alonen worked through the assessing info to send to the consultant.
 - B. First Friday Update: Erickson gave an overview of the December First Friday along with the Winter Series for 2023. There was much discussion about the Northern Elves Festival and their activities. The Authority discussed having more musicians throughout the downtown for the Summer Music Series. Discussion of doing the alley way improvement plan was brought up along with the potential to block off Aurora Street for events. Corcoran brought up the idea of extending First Friday into Saturday.
 - C. Update on Downtown Historical Signage Project: Director Bergman is working with the Department of Public Works and the City Attorney to move forward with the signage project.
 - D. Michigan Arts and Culture Council Mini Grant Application for Summer Music Series: Erickson discussed increasing the DIDA's contribution to the Summer Music Series if the DIDA wanted to do more programming.
- Motion by Greenhill to approve to apply for \$4000 MACC Mini Grant Application, second by Korpela. Motion carried 8 to 0.**
- E. Downtown Trees Update: Erickson has reached out to UW Extension educator Darrin Kimbler to help educate the City of Ironwood with proper maintenance for downtown street trees. Bergman talked about businesses adopting a tree. Corcoran asked about the Master Gardeners and their help with the Pocket Park. The Authority discussed snow removal and how to get the snow removed from the sidewalk in front of vacant buildings. Funding for some of these projects may be able to be funded through the TIF. Sardinha discussed the need to activate buildings that have been sitting vacant.
9. Other Business: Nosal discussed the protestor that was downtown and Sardinha discussed her interaction. Nosal asked Bergman to bring it up to Public Safety Director DiGiorgio to investigate the situation. Greenhill asked about the Downtown City Square skating rink.
10. Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 15, 2022 at 8:00 a.m.
11. Adjournment.

Motion by Flory to adjourn the meeting, second by Corcoran. Motion carried 8 to 0.



Amy Nosal, Chair



Tim Erickson, Community Development Assistant