

**Proceedings of the Downtown Ironwood Development Authority
Thursday, April 27, 2023**

A regular meeting of the Downtown Ironwood Development Authority (DIDA) was held on Thursday, April 27, 2023 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			
Ben Thompson	X			
Robbie Sardinha	X			
Bruce Greenhill	X			
	9	0	Quorum	

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

3. Approval of the March 23, 2023 Meeting Minutes:
Motion by Corcoran to approve the meeting minutes. Second by Korpela. Motion carried 8 to 0.
4. Approval of the Agenda with the addition of Flower Baskets to Other Business:
Motion by Corcoran to approve the amended agenda to include consumption venue. Second by Flory. 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: Finance Director Linn presented the financial report.

Motion by Korpela to receive and place on file the financial report. Second by Corcoran. Motion carried 8 to 0.

8. Items for Discussion and Consideration.

- A. 2023-2024 Budget: Linn presented the budget process and discussed revenue and expenses. Additional funding for 2023/24 First Friday's was discussed.

Motion by Flory to approve the budget with the addition of \$600 for First Friday expenditures. Second by Korpela. Motion carried 8 to 0.

- B. Update Downtown Development Plan and TIF Plan: Some members of the Carnegie Library attended the public hearing. The library will be discussing this to decide whether to opt out or not. The county will have the ability to opt out.

Bergman discussed an application to the MEDC to install new sidewalk along Douglas Blvd., install new decorative lighting, install a sidewalk bump out at the Douglas Blvd. and Frederick St. intersection, park installation at the cannon, and improvements to the Iron Belle Trail connector to the downtown.

- C. First Friday Update and Discuss and consider funding increase for First Friday Music: Flory discussed the plan for May. The Memorial Building centennial will be an agenda item on each agenda.

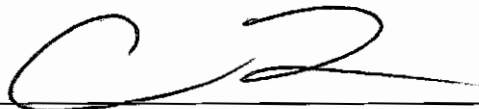
Motion by Korpela to spend \$200 from DIDA Fund Balance to fund music in the Pocket Park. Second by Flory. Motion carried 8 to 0.


- D. First Friday Update:


- Downtown wide snow removal: Snow removal enforcement was positive for the most part but not for everyone. Bergman discussed reaching out to the business owners to see how its going. Staff will discuss the snow removal process.
- Downtown Historic Signage: The release needs to be approved by Tim Dean. The brochure needs to be figured out as the costs have increased. The Indianhead signs around downtown were discussed.
- Downtown Business Communication: The protest information was passed out to the businesses.
- Public Parking, Bike Racks, Garbage Can locations and Restroom Map: Garbage can locations are being assessed.

- Increase Façade Grant Funding: The façade grant funding has been reallocated. Increasing the funding will be discussed with the City Manager.
 - Downtown Vision Plan as Part of Comprehensive Plan Revision: RFP's for the comprehensive plan revision will be created soon.
9. Other Business: Thompson discussed creating consumption venues on the West end of the downtown by the riverfront. He presented 2 pictures of riverfront locations that could be cleaned up. Thompson will gather information on other communities. Corcoran asked about the master gardeners and getting volunteers for the Pocket Park. Bistro tables were discussed for the public right of way next to the Pocket Park. Sardinha asked about doing a beautification competition for the Spring in the downtown.
10. Next Meeting: Thursday, May 25, 2023 at 8:00 a.m.
11. Adjournment.

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


Cathy Flory


~~Amy Nosal, Chair~~


Tim Erickson, Community Development Assistant