

**Proceedings of the Downtown Ironwood Development Authority
Thursday, May 25, 2023**

A regular meeting of the Downtown Ironwood Development Authority (DIDA) was held on Thursday, May 25, 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 8:03 A.M.
2. Recording of the Roll.

MEMBER	PRESENT		EXCUSED	NOT EXCUSED
	YES	NO		
Cathy Flory	X			
Nancy Korpela, Vice		X	X	
Kim Corcoran		X	X	
Robert Alexander	X			
Amy Nosal	X			
Molly Gardner		X	X	
Ben Thompson	X			
Robbie Sardinha	X			
Bruce Greenhill	X			
	6	3	Quorum	

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

3. Approval of the April 27, 2023 Meeting Minutes:
Motion by Flory to approve the meeting minutes. Second by Greenhill. Motion carried 6 to 0.
4. Approval of the Agenda with the addition of Flower Baskets to Other Business:
Motion by Flory to approve the agenda with vacant buildings discussion added under other business. Second by Greenhill. Motion carried 6 to 0.
5. Citizens wishing to address the Authority on Items on the Agenda (Three-Minute Limit):
Michael Meyer with the Ironwood Chamber talked about the farmers market along with website changes to include focus on events. A lighted downtown map is installed on the outside of the building. He mentioned that there have been less visitors to the area compared to last year.

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: The public hearing on the budget is coming. Greenhill asked for clarification on a line item.

Motion by Flory to receive and place on file the financial report. Second by Greenhill. Motion carried 6 to 0.

8. Items for Discussion and Consideration.
 - A. 2023 First Friday and Pride Month Press Release to Downtown Businesses: Bergman discussed the policy for correspondence from the DIDA.

Motion by Thompson to approve the correspondence. Second by Flory. Motion carried 6 to 0.

- B. 2023 Plaidurday Downtown Business Letter:

Motion by Sardinha to approve the correspondence. Second by Thompson. Motion carried 6 to 0.

- C. Flower Basket Donation Letter:

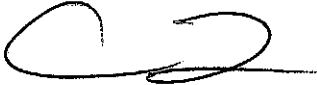
Motion by Alexander to approve the correspondence. Second by Sardinha. Motion carried 6 to 0.

- D. Discussion on correspondence policy: This was discussed in the previous items.
 - E. First Friday Update: This was discussed during public comment.
 - F. 2023 Goals:


- Update on Downtown Development Plan and TIF: The Carnegie Library opted out of the TIF. The capture of personal property will not be assessed.
- Downtown wide snow removal: The DIDA would like to move forward with options. The idea of creating a stockpile of snow for the city crew to pick up and move was presented. Sardinha also asked about the city giving property owners the ability to move snow. The city has a snow dumping ordinance to allow for commercial companies to dump snow on their own property. Bergman will reach out to a private contractor to get an estimate to remove snow for the downtown. Alexander brought up the potential to store snow on properties that were demolished.

- Downtown Historic Signage: The property owner release forms have been reviewed by the attorney and Ivan and Sandy are working with property owners.
 - Downtown Business Communication: No update.
 - Public Parking, Bike Racks, Garbage Can locations and Restroom Map: Bike rack map has been created and staff needs to meet with DPW to install. Greenhill asked about adding disabled parking to the next agenda. Sardinha asked to add poop bags to the park for the next agenda.
 - Increase Façade Grant Funding: The façade grant is increasing to \$2,500 per project. The DIDA discussed temporarily fixing some of the buildings that are a hazard.
 - Downtown Vision Plan as Part of Comprehensive Plan Revision: No update.
9. Other Business – Reminder of term expirations: Bergman presented the list of term expirations.
- Vacant buildings: Bergman suggested color coding the downtown buildings with how to save some of the buildings.
10. Next Meeting: Thursday, June 22, 2023 at 8:00 a.m.
11. Adjournment.

Motion by Flory to adjourn the meeting, second by Sardinha. Motion carried 6 to 0.



 Cathy Flory Amy Nosal, Chair



 Tim Erickson, Community Development Assistant