



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

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A regular meeting of the Downtown Ironwood Development Authority (DIDA) was held on Thursday, July 27, 2023 at 8:00 A.M. in the Ironwood Memorial Building Women's Club Room.

1. Call to Order: Chair Nosal called the meeting to order at 8:03 A.M.
2. Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson.

**Nomination of Flory & Alexander as Chairperson.**

**Motion by Korpela to elect as Flory Chairperson. Second by Thompson. All in favor**

**Nomination of Alexander as Vice-Chairperson.**

**Motion by Korpela to elect Alexander as Vice-Chairperson. Second by Corcoran. All in favor**

3. Recording of the Roll.

MEMBER	PRESENT		EXCUSED	NOT EXCUSED
	YES	NO		
Cathy Flory	X			
Nancy Korpela, Vice	X			
Kim Corcoran	X			
Robert Alexander	X			
Vacant				
Vacant				
Ben Thompson	X			
Robbie Sardinha	X			
Bruce Greenhill	X			
	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Quorum</b>	

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

4. Approval of the June 22, 2023 Meeting Minutes:

**Motion by Korpela to approve the meeting minutes. Second by Corcoran.  
Motion carried 6 to 0.**

5. Approval of the Agenda:

**Motion by Corcoran to approve the agenda. Second by Korpela. Motion  
carried 6 to 0.**

6. Citizens wishing to address the Authority on Items on the Agenda (Three-Minute Limit):  
None.

7. Citizens wishing to address the Authority on Items not on the Agenda (Three-Minute  
Limit): Director Meyer with the Ironwood Chamber of Commerce discussed the success  
with Festival Ironwood. Meyer brought up Jack Frost Festival and that he will be  
replacing light bulbs around the depot Christmas tree. Business after 5 events will begin  
again. The Fall social will be September 14<sup>th</sup> at the Aurora Club.

8. Receive and place on file the financial report: Director Bergman presented the financial  
report.

**Motion by Corcoran to receive and place on file the financial report. Second  
by Korpela. Motion carried 6 to 0.**

9. Items for Discussion and Consideration.

A. ADA Parking in the Downtown: Director Bergman discussed the reasoning that there  
isn't ADA parking in the downtown. Greenhill asked about temporary parking zones  
for certain events.

B. First Friday Update:

**Motion by Greenhill to approve the purchase of a port-a-potty during  
August and September first Friday for \$200 each. Second by Thompson.  
Motion carried 6 to 0.**

C. 2023 Goals:

- Update on Downtown Development Plan and TIF: Finance Director Paul Linn  
is creating a report for the City Commission to show the numbers.
- Downtown wide snow removal: Staff has requested a cost estimate to  
remove snow in the downtown. The Authority discussed removing snow on  
main routes or doing smaller sections like alley way locations.
- Downtown Historic Signage: Staff will be looking at locations for installation.

- Downtown Business Communication: Director Bergman discussed what this topic is for.
- Public Parking, Bike Racks, Garbage Can locations and Restroom Map: The bike racks that the City owns are the wrong size for the width of the sidewalk. Restroom and parking locations are included on the historical map brochure.
- Building vacancies-building inventory: City process was discussed and where the money comes from for demolition. Bergman discussed the authority that is given to the DIDA and the authority given to the DIDA when the TIF is implemented. Erickson presented a building inventory spreadsheet.
- Downtown Vision Plan as Part of Comprehensive Plan Revision: The City is applying for a \$50,000 grant.

10. Other Business: Alexander discussed doing weed removal once per month for next summer. Alexander asked about stabilization of buildings downtown.

Thompson asked about adding a position for downtown development.

Hiawatha Park Patronicity grant was discussed.

11. Next Meeting: Thursday, August 24, 2023 at 8:00 a.m.

12. Adjournment.

**Motion by Alexander to adjourn the meeting, second by Greenhill. Motion carried 7 to 0.**



Cathy Flory

Amy Nosat, Chair



Tim Erickson, Community Development Assistant