



**Proceedings of the Downtown Ironwood Development Authority
Thursday, September 28, 2023**

A regular meeting of the Downtown Ironwood Development Authority (DIDA) was held on Thursday, September 28, 2023 at 8:00 A.M. in the Ironwood Memorial Building Women's Club Room.

1. Call to Order: Chair Flory 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			
Kim Corcoran	X			
Robert Alexander	X			
Lynne Wiercinski	X			
Eric Moran	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 August 24, 2023 Meeting Minutes:
Motion by Corcoran to approve the meeting minutes. Second by Korpela. Motion carried 9 to 0.
4. Approval of the Agenda:
Motion by Corcoran to approve the agenda. Second by Korpela. Motion carried 9 to 0.
5. Citizens wishing to address the Authority on Items on the Agenda (Three-Minute Limit):
6. Citizens wishing to address the Authority on Items not on the Agenda (Three-Minute Limit): Catherine talked about her building and the need for extensive rehabilitation needed. Grant funding is needed in order to make rehabilitation work. She is having an

issue with finding a regional general contractor for the building. She is asking for any solutions that the DIDA can provide.

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

Motion by Greenhill to receive and place on file the financial report, second by Korpela. Motion carried 9 to 0.

8. Items for Discussion and Consideration.

- A. Discuss and Consider applying for Michigan Arts & Culture Council Mini grant:

Motion by Greenhill to receive and place on file the financial report, second by Korpela. Motion carried 9 to 0.

- B. Discuss and Consider purchase of Downtown Wreaths (74 wreaths at \$26 a piece):
The DIDA talked about asking Yooper Wreaths to get a quote.

Motion by Greenhill to purchase wreaths not to exceed the budgeted amount, second by Corcoran. Motion carried 9 to 0.

- C. Discuss and consider Pocket Park and Art Park Snow Shoveling contract: Sardinha discussed a need to follow up with the contractor when the sidewalks get icy or too snowy.

Motion by Korpela to approve the contract, second by Corcoran. Motion carried 9 to 0.

- D. First Friday Update: Erickson discussed the October Plaidurday event. Greenhill asked for better communication with the Theatre for scheduling the event.

- E. Ironwood Chamber of Commerce Update: Director Meyers discussed Plaidurday along with a border community event conducted at Stormy Kromer. The Chamber Jack Frost festival tree will be finished this week. The Jack Frost Parade is open for registration.

- F. 2023 Goals:

- Update on Downtown Development Plan and TIF: The plan is expected to be adopted in October.
- Downtown wide snow removal: The DIDA received a quote from 906 Tree Service to remove sidewalk snow throughout a portion of the downtown. Alexander discussed any new taxes as a punishment for businesses.

- Downtown Historic Signage: No update.
 - Downtown Business Communication: No update.
 - Public Parking, Bike Racks, Garbage Can locations and Restroom Map: No update.
 - Building vacancies-building inventory: No update.
 - Downtown Vision Plan as Part of Comprehensive Plan Revision: No update.
9. Other Business: Sardinha asked about moving the map on the side of the Olde Suffolk Ale House.

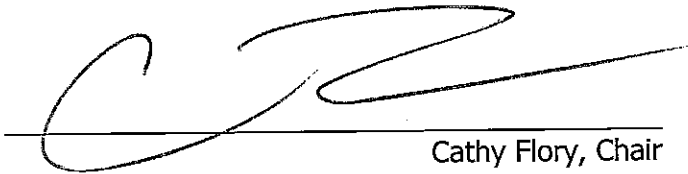
Corcoran asked for staff to look at the tree lights in the parking lot across from the Miners Park.

Social districts will be discussed at the next meeting.

10. Next Meeting: Thursday, October 26, 2023 at 8:00 a.m.

11. Adjournment.

Motion by Korpela to adjourn the meeting, second by Thompson. Motion carried 9 to 0.



Cathy Flory, Chair



Tim Erickson, Community Development Assistant