



**Proceedings of the Downtown Ironwood Development Authority
Thursday, May 23, 2024**

A regular meeting of the Downtown Ironwood Development Authority (DIDA) was held on Thursday, May 23, 2024 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 8:00 A.M.
2. Recording of the Roll.

MEMBER	PRESENT		EXCUSED	NOT EXCUSED
	YES	NO		
Cathy Flory		X	X	
Nancy Korpela	X			
Kim Corcoran	X			
Robert Alexander, Vice	X			
Lynne Wiercinski	X			
Eric Moran		X	X	
Vacant				
Robbie Sardinha		X	X	
Bruce Greenhill	X			
	5	3	Quorum	

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

3. Approval of the March 28, 2024 Meeting Minutes:
Motion by Corcoran to approve the meeting minutes. Second by Greenhill. Motion carried 5 to 0.
4. Approval of the Agenda:
Motion by Corcoran to approve the agenda. Second by Korpela. Motion carried 5 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: Bergman presented the report.

Motion by Corcoran to receive and place on file the financial report, second by Korpela. Motion carried 5 to 0.

8. Items for Discussion and Consideration.

A. First Friday Update: Nosal addressed the Authority and discussed PrideUP sponsorship of the June First Friday and thanked the Authority for their support and collaboration.

B. Ironwood Chamber of Commerce Update: Meyer addressed the Authority with chamber updates. The city-wide rummage sale is in progress. A new "sunshine raffle" is taking place for the first time this summer. The Ironwood Chamber did a meet and greet with the Lake Gogebic Chamber. June 25th workshop at the depot with a new chamber member to learn how to use AI. Festival Ironwood is being planned. Emberlight will be outside the depot for a few activities.

C. Social District Update: Erickson presented the proposed logo. Greenhill asked for the words "Social District" to be increased in size.

D. Update on downtown vacant buildings: Bergman updated on the property located at 101 S. Suffolk St. The Rainbow bar is on the tax auction list. The Miners Mural building has been seeing contractor activity. The Northwoods building has the approved grant. Alexander asked for an introductory letter to be sent out the vacant building list. Introduction of who the DIDA is, the goal is to reach out to property owners with contact information. Including status of downtown properties would be encouraged. Include a goal to revitalize buildings and programs offered can be included. The TIF district, redevelopment license, façade program, and social district can be included. Blight enforcement of the Pamida building is in progress. Erickson brought up the Book World building and someone may be living on the ground floor which is prohibited. Alexander brought up the issue of homelessness.

E. Training opportunities for DIDA Members: The City is now a Redevelopment Ready Certified Community. City staff talked about training opportunities through Michigan Main Street. Greenhill brought up the MACC grant workshop today at the DAP.

9. Other Business: Wiercinski brought up some programming that they will be offering. The library addition will start soon. Bergman brought up the historic signs. The volunteers are getting things worked out. The cigarette butt trash cans and bike racks were discussed. Alexander asked if someone could run the weed eater along the sidewalks once per month.

10. Next Meeting: Thursday, June 27, 2024 at 8:00 a.m.

11. Adjournment.

Motion by Korpela to adjourn the meeting, second by Corcoran. All in favor.



Cathy Flory, Chair



Tim Erickson, Community Development Assistant