



**Proceedings of the Downtown Ironwood Development Authority  
Thursday, April 25, 2024**

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A regular meeting of the Downtown Ironwood Development Authority (DIDA) was held on Thursday, April 25, 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			
Nancy Korpela	X			
Kim Corcoran	X			
Robert Alexander, Vice	X			
Lynne Wiercinski		X	X	
Eric Moran	X			
Vacant				
Robbie Sardinha	X			
Bruce Greenhill	X			
	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Quorum</b>	

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

3. Approval of the March 28, 2024 Meeting Minutes: Item 8 A had a placeholder motion that was removed.  
**Motion by Corcoran to approve the meeting minutes with the changes discussed. Second by Sardinha. Motion carried 7 to 0.**
4. Approval of the Agenda:  
**Motion by Corcoran to approve the agenda. Second by Korpela. Motion carried 7 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 7 to 0.**

8. Items for Discussion and Consideration.

- A. Adoption of 2024-2025 Budget: Director Bergman presented the budget which included an extra \$1000 for bike racks and cigarette butt containers. Greenhill asked about raising wages. The wages have been the same for every year.

**Motion by Alexander to adopt the budget and to recommend to the City Commission for adoption, second by Moran. Motion carried 7 to 0.**

- B. First Friday Update: Erickson gave an update on the May first Friday. The survey was discussed. The posters were printed and will be passed out this week. June details were discussed.
- C. Ironwood Chamber of Commerce Update: Meyer talked about the chamber newsletter that was sent out. The Chamber sponsored an economic impact of the arts presentation at Cold Iron. The economic impact of tourism workshop will be conducted in June. Meyer has noticed that this April is surprisingly quiet. Festival Ironwood is meeting every month. Emberlight schedule of activities have been posted.
- D. Social District Update: The map and the draft was presented. Alexander brought up using this map to serve other functions like weed trimming, snow removal, etc. Greenhill talked about the old Pamida building and the junk that is being stored outside.
- E. Update on downtown vacant buildings: The 101 Suffolk St. building is being worked on and working with the insurance company. The mural on the building is scheduled for this month. Bill Paynes building has been getting some heating and cooling work. The Iron Bay Delivery building has sold. Bergman discussed the Michigan Main Street Program webinar. Sardinha asked about marijuana money. The Michigan Main Street program and potential DDA Director hire was discussed. Alexander mentioned that he is thinking that we are turning into an economic downturn which will effect some demographics of the area. He mentioned Copper Peak and the mine that is on the horizon. Stabilization of vacant buildings should be the focus in an economic downturn.

9. Other Business: Cigarette butt containers and bike racks were discussed.

10. Next Meeting: Thursday, May 23, 2024 at 8:00 a.m.

11. Adjournment.

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



Cathy Flory, Chair



Tim Erickson, Community Development Assistant