



**Proceedings of the Downtown Ironwood Development Authority  
Thursday, June 27, 2024**

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A regular meeting of the Downtown Ironwood Development Authority (DIDA) was held on Thursday, June 27, 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			
Vacant	X			
Lynne Wiercinski		X	X	
Eric Moran		X		X
Vacant				
Robbie Sardinha	X			
Bruce Greenhill	X			
	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Quorum</b>	

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

3. Approval of the May 23, 2024 Meeting Minutes:  
**Motion by Corcoran to approve the meeting minutes. Second by Korpela. 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 Greenhill. Motion carried 5 to 0.**

8. Items for Discussion and Consideration.

- A. 2023-2024 DIDA Budget Amendment: Director Bergman discussed the reason for the amendment. The TIF plan needed to be accounted for in this fiscal year. The historical walk brochures were also a part of this.

**Motion by Greenhill to receive and amend the budget, second by Korpela. Motion carried 5 to 0.**

- B. MACC Grant Application: Erickson presented the memo.

**Motion by Korpela to Apply to the Michigan Arts and Culture Council for \$10,000 for Project Support grant to fund the Summer Music Series and \$3,000 for Facility Improvement and Equipment grant to purchase sound equipment, and to allocate a 25% match from DIDA fund balance., second by Greenhill. Motion carried 5 to 0.**

- C. First Friday Update: Erickson gave a brief First Friday update and discussed the June and July events.

- D. Ironwood Chamber of Commerce Update: Meyer discussed the historical displays and the status of them. Rod Smith with the Historical Society will be installing the panels himself. Festival Ironwood was discussed. A Summer Sunshine raffle is going on. Michigan state demographer is coming to Ironwood to conduct a presentation. Tourism survey results have been compiled for the entire western U.P. Emberlight festival progress was mentioned. The Chamber will be doing mailed chamber newsletter along with their emailed newsletter. Tourism visitations have been very low. He has seen more people recently. Keeping dogs out will be a priority.

- E. Social District Update: The next steps are to move this to the City Commission.

**Motion by Korpela to recommend the Social District plans to the City Commission, second by Sardinha. Motion carried 5 to 0.**

- F. Update on downtown vacant buildings: The burned building had a black material installed on the windows so that pedestrians can't look in. Cinnaire Solutions is applying for funding for an apartment complex. The Picard Place building has new owners who are updating the building. Rainbow Bar was discussed. Bergman stated that the building doesn't seem to be condemnable. Sardinha indicated that insurance companies don't like to insure multiuse buildings.

G. Bike Racks and Cigarette Butt Receptacles: Cigarette butt receptacles were installed. More need to be purchased. The bike rack locations next to the downtown trees were discussed. The City square will have larger permanent racks. The Depot Park bike rack needs to be replaced.

9. Other Business: The theatre will be closed for a couple months to replace the rigging system.

10. Next Meeting: Thursday, July 25, 2024 at 8:00 a.m.

11. Adjournment.

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



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Cathy Flory, Chair



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Tim Erickson, Community Development Assistant