

IEDA Meeting Minutes

June 1st 2026

Present:

IEDA Chair-Cara Spivey

IEDA Member Tammy Smith

IEDA Member Lucie D'Amato

IEDA Member Justin Takach

IEDA Member Rick Alley

Absent:

IEDA Member Daniel Ingram

IEDA Member Alicia Bales

Staff members present were Attorney Brad Pyott and Town Manager Leeanne Regon.

CALL TO ORDER

IEDA Chair Spivey called the meeting to order at 4:29pm.

MINUTES

IEDA Member Takach made a motion to approve the minutes for May 4th 2026. Motion was seconded by IEDA Member Smith. On vote, Chair Spivey, aye; IEDA Member D'Amato, aye; IEDA Member Alley, aye;

EBAG/VEZ

IEDA Chair Spivey: There are currently no new applications at this time.

ONGOING PROJECTS:

IEDA Chair Spivey: We had asked Sharon to come in and update on the Tazewell Cinema but she could not attend.

Town Manager Regon: Via DHCD (IRF Loan)

Sharon updated: All three cinemas the drop ceilings have been installed, all electrical is done, the stage platform for cinema 3 has been approved and is under construction. Interior lights have been installed and flooring for Cinema's 1 and 2. Interior painting is underway. Interior for one and two is ready for Cinema equipment.

May 7th Bobby Franklin, owner of Franklin designs fell while installing a high max screen in Reading Pa. and sadly died at the scene. Sharon contacted Franklin Design once to confirm this devastating event. Since then, we have not had any correspondence. We have to find out where

we stand with Franklin before proceeding to find another Cinema consultant, we are unsure of the timeline as of today. This is the information that will be going into the DHCD packet.

IEDA Chair Spivey: Can you update on the terms of the loan with the DHCD?

Town Manager Regon: Sharon spends the money, turns in the receipts and then DHCD gives us the money to then pass on to them. On the contract she has until August 2026.

IEDA Chair Spivey: I have concerns with the August 12th deadline.

IEDA Member Takach: What are the consequences if she defaults, if she goes past the deadline?

IEDA Chair Spivey: I would think before then she would ask for an extension given the circumstances.

IEDA Member Takach: Mrs. Thomas needs to have a plan in place by our July 6th meeting.

FARMERS MARKET PROJECT: CLINCH RIVER PAVILION

IEDA Member Takach: Have the lines been painted yet?

Town Manager Regon: They have not but we are working on quotes.

IEDA Chair Spivey: How did the event go at the Pavilion go?

Town Manager Regon: There were 128 people in attendance.

Town Manager Regon: We had an event meeting in house today and we have decided to start the line up for the Cruise-In at the Pavilion!

using town wi-fi and they are doing or looking at something they aren't supposed to be then that is going to be on our wi-fi.

RAMEYS LOT:

IEDA Chair Spivey- At the May meeting we had a public meeting with Kevin Jones an architect professor from Virginia Tech. All the people in the area, behind the Ramey lot, were all in attendance to hear what the plans were. We have aggregated feedback and sent that to Kevin. He is currently out of school and traveling with his family and sometime in this month he will be working on our design schemes for park A in the PDF and provide drawings that I want to put that into our Comprehensive Plan. This looks like it will be a 2 to 3 year plan for the Ramey Lot.

IEDA Member Smith: I feel like the meeting went well. There were a few things that we had talked about that had changed but so long as things like the Carilion Walk still remain.

IEDA Chair Spivey: One thing that came up during the meeting that I wasn't aware of is that River Rd runs through the Ramey Lot. I think that Town Manager Regon said that there was water infrastructure under River Rd. So, we don't want to put a field there and have it leak. Would it be too big of a thing to move River Rd.?

Town Manager Regon: I think it would be great if we could but we need to be strategic with our placement as to mark that line. If we want parking spaces or a shelter would be great. Do not put fields over that line because odds are there will be a leak.

IEDA Chair Spivey: What are the steps for moving a road?

IEDA Member Takach: What's the point of moving the road if there is a leak potential there?

IEDA Member Smith: Safety purposes

IEDA Chair Spivey: General flow I think. The drawings Kevin provided he had more than one access point in keeping that in mind.

IEDA Chair Spivey to Town Manager Regon: Can you speak to Chris about if this is something that needs to be done now or how we can, if we can move that road?

RIVERSIDE DRIVE:

IEDA Chair Spivey-1616 Riverside Dr. ARC planning Grant : Jordan Dillon, Susan and myself met with Lyndsey of Appalachian Sustainable Development and they are very interested in this project and in giving us a letter of support and being long term partners in using the building. They were interested in using the space for classes and for giving out fresh food boxes.

Town Manager Regon-We had a public hearing at 2:00 on Wednesday. We were able to go through what the project was about regarding the façade. We got participation agreements signed by most of the property owners. UVA Wise and SWVCC are both very interested in our project and partnering with us.

IEDA Chair Spivey- We are missing agreements from 2 property owners, The Farm bureau building and one co owned by Horn's and Rash.

IEDA Member Smith: I will reach out to them and see if I can get that done.

IEDA Chair Spivey: These are due in July.

IEDA Member Smith: Are we fencing the rest of that in? (CRP)

Town Manager Regon: That will be done by summers end.

IEDA Chair Spivey: Can we put a crosswalk in? if not now at least by the time the 1616 Riverside project starts.

Town Manager Regon: Absolutely

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:

IEDA Chair Spivey- By the end of the year the Town has to have a new and updated plan. We have updated and trimmed some sections. A Firm is going to be updating the meat of the plan. That is going to be our guide for the next five years.

Town Manager Regon to IEDA Chair Spivey: Can you send me where the Subcommittee has changed everything?

MOUNTAIN BIKING PROJECT:

Town Manager Regon- I received an email Thursday from the International Biking Association and we did not get our grant.

IEDA Member Smith: Are there other grants opportunities?

Town Manager Regon: There may be a few out there.

IEDA Member D'Amato: People For Bikes may have grant opportunities.

BILLY WAGNER PROJECT:

Attorney Pyott- Ground breaking at the park was May 18th. Everything is still on schedule. Spoke to sculptor in Texas this morning. Should be back in North Carolina mid to late September. We are still raising money. Golf tournament went well. We are still selling bricks until the 19th. Spoke with our surveyor and construction manager this morning as well and in the next 10-14 days they will start the foundation for the statue. We do still have money available, roughly 37,000.00 plus 50,000.00 LOC. I will be presenting to the Lyons Club tonight and Board of

Supervisors tomorrow. We are paying the second half of our 25,000 loan, they paid 12,500 in September and then on July 1st. Received today that the MLB approved licensing agreement with logo across chest and "A" on the cap! We are still on board for October 17th, 2026 as dedication day Billy Wagner is planning on attending with this family.

IEDA Member D'Amato: We did send out 140 letters to the General Assembly and not one single reply.

MISCELLANEOUS:

IEDA Member Smith: Are we going to put flowers on the bridges at Riverside? Planters?

Town Manager Regon: They are on back order. Stuart is going to work on plant boxes Friday.

IEDA Chair Spivey-Our next meeting July 6th.

ADJOURNMENT

IEDA Member D'Amato made a motion to adjourn. Motion was seconded by IEDA Member Smith. On vote, Chair Spivey, aye; IEDA Member Takach, aye. IEDA Member Alley , aye.

Adjourned at 5:25 p.m.