



**HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
March 16, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.**

*Judith Fouts, Commissioner, Vice Chair  
Monte Morrison, Commissioner  
Karen Lindquist, Commissioner  
Ellie O'Donnell, Commissioner*

*Don Curran, Commissioner Chairperson  
Suzell Eisenberger, Commissioner  
Blaine DeGrave, Staff Liaison  
Elizabeth Keller, Commissioner*

*Ron Beauchamp, Council Liaison*

Escanaba City Hall, Council Chambers, 410 Ludington Street, Escanaba, MI 49829

**March 16, 2015 4:00 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Meeting called to order by President Don Curran

**ROLL CALL:**

Commissioners Curran, Fouts, Lindquist, Keller, Morrison and Eisenberger, Secretary Judy Schroeder, Staff Liaison Blaine DeGrave, and Executive Director (DDA) Ed Legault. Absent Commissioner O'Donnell.

**APPROVAL/CORRECTIONS TO MINUTES:**

Minutes of November 17, 2014 approved as published.

**APPROVAL/ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:**

Agenda stands as printed with one minor change, the deletion of discussion regarding the Local Historic District, instead topic to be upcoming Training in May, 2015.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION**

None

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**None**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Review of PA 169 of 1970 - Local Historic Districts Act**

An Act to provide for the establishment of historic districts; to provide for the acquisition of certain resources for historic preservation purposes and for preservation of historic and non historic resources with historic districts; to establish district commissions and to provide for the maintenance of publicly owned resources by local units ....

Talking points were:

- Under 399.201a Definitions - (b) "Certificate of appropriateness"
- (n) "Notice to Proceed"
- 399.205 Permit required

Also discussed was the lack of maintenance on certain buildings in the downtown area.

## **2. Training of the Historic Commission**

Staff Liaison DeGrave announced training available in May , from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the DDA Building in Gladstone, Michigan regarding Roberts Rules of Order. Mr. DeGrave would like the commissioners to attend if possible.

### **GENERAL COMMENT**

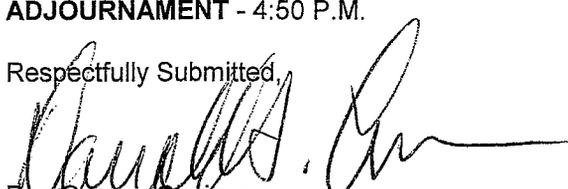
**COMMISSIONERS/STAFF COMMENT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - None**

### **PROJECT UPDATES:**

- a. 2014 MEDC Downtown Facade Improvement Program - will revisit building owners and prepare application for funding.
- b. MEDC Redevelopment Ready Community Initiative - waiting for official announcement.
- c. DDA Parking Lot Project - A committee has been working on historically naming all the DDA controlled parking lots and providing all the lots with appropriate directional signage to raise awareness of additional parking in the downtown. The research is complete and will be presented to the DDA Board for review.

**ADJOURNMENT - 4:50 P.M.**

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Don Curran, Chairman  
Historic District Commission

Next Meeting: