

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

*Don Curran, Chairperson
Judith Fouts, Vice-Chairperson
Suzell Eisenberger, Secretary
Karen Lindquist, Commissioner
Ellie O'Donnell, Commissioner*

*Monte Morrison, Commissioner
Elizabeth Keller
Blaine DeGrave, Staff Liaison
James V. O'Toole, City Manager
Ron Beauchamp, Council Liaison*

Escanaba City Hall, Council Chambers, 410 Ludington Street, Escanaba, MI 49829
March 21, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL: PRESENT Chairperson Curran, V.C. Fouts, Secretary Eisenberger, Commissioners Morrison, Lindquist and Keller

ABSENT: Commissioner O'Donnell, Excused

APPROVAL/CORRECTION(S) TO MINUTES - Approved as published.

APPROVAL/ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA - Approved as corrected (UB1 the word tabled replaced by deferred)

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION - None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Redevelopment Sites - As part of the RRC Program we continue to gather information on various buildings. Several buildings in the downtown were discussed as potential redevelopment sites. Among those were the Masonic Temple, 1st National Bank Bldg, Delft Theater Bldg, Old 8th Street Coffee House Bldg, Office Service Bldg, Old Richter Office Bldg, and Peterson Hotel Bldg. The House of Ludington Excel Reality Project was also discussed. These sites once officially identified must be listed on the City's web site.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion House Bill 5232:

HB 5232 was introduced on January 26, 2016 by Rep Chris Afendoulis (Grand Rapids) and Sen. Peter MacGregor, (Rockford). This Bill has serious detrimental impacts to historic resources and local historic districts through proposed amendments to Michigan's Local Historic District Act, PA 169 of 1970. Discussion took place and it was decided to correspond with our local legislators to voice our opinion against the bill.

2. Project Updates.

- a. 2015/2016 MEDC Downtown Façade Improvement Program - In Phase II of Environmental Study waiting for approval from MEDC.
- b. MEDC Redevelopment Ready Community - Still working on Master Plan.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT - None

COMMISSION/STAFF COMMENT- None

ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

ADJOURNMENT - 4:57 p.m.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Blaine DeGrave, Staff Liaison
Historic District Commission