



*Judith Fouts, Commissioner
Monte Morrison, Commissioner
Karen Lindquist
Ellie O'Donnell, Commissioner
Council Liaison Ronald Beauchamp*

**HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
March 25, 2013 at 4:00 p.m.**

*Don Curran, Commissioner
Suzell Eisenberger, Commissioner
Betty Breclaw, Commissioner
Blaine DeGrave, Staff Liaison*

James V. O'Toole, City Manager

Escanaba City Hall, Council Chambers, 410 Ludington Street, Escanaba, MI 49829
March 25, 2013, at 4:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by President Curran

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Fouts, Morrison, Breclaw, Lindquist, Eisenberger and Chairman Curran. Also present, Staff Liaison Blaine DeGrave and Council Liaison Ron Beauchamp.

ALSO PRESENT: Bill Rutter and members of the public

ABSENT: Commissioner O'Donnell

APPROVAL/CORRECTION(S) TO MINUTES December 17, 2012

Motion to approve the minutes of December 17, 2012 by Commissioner Breclaw, 2nd by Commissioner Morrison. MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL/ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Agenda approved as presented.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION - None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Update on National Register of Historic Places Study

Mr. Bill Rutter of BB&E gave an update regarding the NRHP and its progress. Work continues on the nomination. A total of 180 buildings are being researched for historical significance. The next draft is due on April 15. 90-95% of the buildings will qualify as a Contributing Building. The final draft is due in September, 2013.

There was discussion regarding the addition of Historical Churches. Mr. Rutter agreed to research the subject of additional churches in the area.

2. Membership Training

Under the Historic Commission By-Laws, Section (2) Membership, subparagraph D, each member shall have attended at least one training session per calendar year on historic preservation during the member's current term of office.

There was brief discussion regarding holding a workshop here in Escanaba if costs are kept to a minimum.

There is a conference in Marquette on May 8-11, 2013. There is training available at this conference.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Letter of Support for Certified Local Government Status

DDA Administration requested a Letter of Support in acquiring Michigan Certified Local Government Status.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lindquist, 2nd by Commissioner Eisenberger to draft a Letter of Support for the Michigan Certified Local Government Status. Motion Carried.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

COMMISSION/STAFF COMMENT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT: 4:40

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Respectfully Submitted,

Blaine DeGrave, Staff Liaison
Historic District Commission