

**ESCANABA RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, March 15, 2016**

The Escanaba Recreation Advisory Board met in regular session on Tuesday, March 15, 2016. Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall. There was not a quorum present.

BOARDMEMBERS PRESENT: Chairperson Karen Moore and Vice  
Chairperson Randy Kleiman

BOARDMEMBERS ABSENT: Boardmembers Maggie Murphy-Pomeroy,  
Joe Kaplan and Valarie Norman

OTHERS PRESENT: Kim Peterson, Recreation Director  
Brooks Bougie, Recreation Office Assistant  
DDA Director Ed Legault

PUBLIC PRESENT: None

**Approval/Correction of the February 9, 2016, Regular Meeting Minutes**

Item was tabled until next regularly scheduled meeting when a quorum was present.

**Adjustments to the Agenda**

None

**Conflict of Interest Declarations**

None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**1. Non-Motorized Transportation Plan and Investment Strategy.**

Recreation Director Peterson stated the kick-off meeting was held at it was a great turn out. CUPPAD is currently working on an inventory list of non-motorized services within each community. CUPPAD will be contacting each community to do public hearings and more in depth discussions individually. The Recreation Advisory Board would like a map presented at the next regularly scheduled meeting so a priority list can be started.

## **2. Five-Year Recreation Plan.**

Recreation Director Peterson stated that CUPPAD is currently working on a regional recreation plan and will work on the City of Escanaba's as part of this plan at no additional cost. Administration met with CUPPAD and within a month or so meetings will be held to seek input on the plan.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

### **1. Michigan Department of Natural Resources Recreation Passport Grant and Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant.**

Recreation Director Peterson stated a Public Hearing is being held to receive citizen comment on the proposed Michigan Department of Natural Resources Recreation Passport Grant and the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant.

Recreation Director Peterson stated the proposed Escanaba Marketplace Play and Park Structure is at a cost of \$86,000. The MDNR Recreation Passport Grant is a 25% match at a maximum grant of \$45,000 (\$45,000 is being sought). The Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant is a 25% match at a maximum grant of up to \$300,000 (\$64,500 is being sought).

DDA Director Ed Legault stated the Escanaba Marketplace will be located on the corner of South 15<sup>th</sup> Street and Ludington Street. The park and play structure will be located right behind the Escanaba Marketplace and will be fenced in. The Escanaba Marketplace will be utilized nine months out of the year due to winter weather.

Public Hearing was opened.

Chairperson Moore asked for any public comment.

Public Hearing was closed with no one in attendance.

It was the consensus of the Boardmembers present to provide a letter of support for submission of both grant applications on behalf of the Recreation Advisory Board.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Budget for Fiscal Year 2016-17.**

Recreation Director Peterson stated the proposed budget was submitted to the City Manager for Fiscal Year 2016-17. Additional items added were the resurfacing of one of the tennis/basketball courts, wood chips, and CPR training. Other line items remained the same as in previous years.

**3. Project Updates.**

**A) Civic Center Usage/Program and Activity Update.**

Recreation Director Peterson stated figures are needed from the senior center so the report can be complete and will forward it when done. The average daily use would be approximately 100 people with an average of 65-70 kids coming in for the after school program.

**B) Various.**

None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

**MISCELLANEOUS**

None

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Peterson  
Recreation Director

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Karen Moore, Chairperson

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Date