



**HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
June 15, 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

June 15, 2015 4:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting called to order to order by President Don Curran

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners Curran, Fouts, Lindquist, Keller, Morrison and Eisenberger, O'Donnell, Secretary Judy Schroeder, Staff Liaison Blaine DeGrave.

APPROVAL/CORRECTIONS TO MINUTES:

Minutes of March 16, 2015, motion to approve with correction of a date by Commissioner Keller, 2nd by Commissioner Lindquist. Motion carried.

APPROVAL/ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

Agenda stands as printed

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Redevelopment Sites: Administration led a discussion regarding redevelopment sites within the downtown district. Discussion took place regarding the roll of the Historic Commission in developing those sites. A Report of Findings from the Redevelopment Ready Community representatives was distributed identifying the areas where additional regulations, policies or procedures are needed. Some of the sites discussed by the Commission were:

- Montgomery Ward's Bldg. - 1200 Ludington
- Delft Theater - Chairperson Curran is to prepare a document/plan for possible future uses for the building- 907 Ludington
- 1st National Bank Bldg – 623 Ludington
- Old Office Service Bldg – 815 Ludington

- Bobaloon's – 1702 Ludington
- The Commission was directed to think about those sites within the downtown they would like to see redeveloped and share their thoughts at the next meeting.

PROJECT UPDATES:

- a. 2014 MEDC Downtown Facade Improvement Program - Preliminary Application sent to MEDC
- b. MEDC Redevelopment Ready Community Initiative - see above.

GENERAL COMMENT

COMMISSIONERS/STAFF COMMENT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT - 4:50 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judith Fouts

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Don Curran, Chairman (via)
Historic District Commission

Excerpt of the minutes of a special meeting of the Escanaba Historic Commission held on June 30, 2015, at the City Hall, 410 Ludington Street, Escanaba, Michigan, at 4:00 p.m.

Present: Suzell Eisenberger, Monte Morrison, Ellie O'Donnell, Karen Lindquist, Elizabeth Keller, Judy Fouts,

Absent: Donald Curran

"Upon motion made by Commission Member Elizabeth Keller, seconded by Commission Member Karen Lindquist, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION – Encourage the development of quality new affordable housing in the Ludington Street area between 2nd and 19th Streets of the DDA District.

WHEREAS, the Historic District Commission of the City of Escanaba, Michigan, does hereby find as follows:

WHEREAS, the Commission recognizes the demand for both market-rate and affordable housing in the downtown area to provide housing opportunities for the downtown's workforce;

WHEREAS, by this support it will encourage residents to live, work, and play all in the downtown area and promotes a vibrant, walkable community for all;

WHEREAS, a study prepared by Real Property Research Group, dated February 8, 2015 which shows that there is significant demand for affordable housing downtown;

WHEREAS, the Commission will encourage the development of quality new affordable housing in the Ludington Street area between 2nd and 19th Street including development of affordable housing within mixed-use projects;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY PROCLAIMED by the Historic District Commission, their support of projects, which would encourage the development of quality new affordable housing and mixed-use in the Ludington Street corridor of the DDA District.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED"

I the undersigned, being duly qualified and acting Secretary Historic District Commission of the City of Escanaba, do hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Historic District Commission of the City of Escanaba, County of Delta, Michigan, at a special meeting held on Tuesday June 30, 2015, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.



Judy Schroeder