

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, Commissioner
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

December 19, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

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

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

APPROVAL/ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA - Approved as amended, addition seeking approval of 8/4/2015 Minutes with Resolution Attached.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION - None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Staff Liaison, Blaine DeGrave asked for approval of 8/4/2015 minutes as they had not been approved because of Resolution for Support for the House of Ludington project not attached.. Resolution attached and minutes approved.

Motion made by Commissioner Keller and 2nd by Commissioner O'Donnell motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Election of Officers

In accordance with the Historic Commission By-Laws: Section 4. Officers, paragraph A., the Historic Commission will elect from its membership a Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary for the ensuing year.

Motion made by Commissioner O'Donnell to keep the current slate of officers, 2nd by Commissioner Morrison, hearing no objections, motion carried.

2. Adoption of Meeting Schedule for 2017

The 2017 schedule was reviewed and it was decided that since the commission had no agenda for monthly meetings, the commission would meet quarterly, April, June, September and December.

A motion was made by Commissioner Keller that the HDC meet quarterly, but be called to order if needed sooner, 2nd by Commissioner O'Donnell. Motion carried.

Project Updates.

- a. 2015/2016 MEDC Downtown Façade Improvement Program - facade project moving along, several projects completed. Applications are being taken for the next round in 2017.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT - None

COMMISSION/STAFF COMMENT- None

ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

ADJOURNMENT - 4:25 p.m.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Blaine DeGrave, Staff Liaison
Historic District Commission

Roll Call Vote:

Chairperson Curran

V. Chair Fouts

Secretary Eisenberger

Commissioner Lindquist

Commissioner O'Donnell

Commissioner Morrison

Commissioner Keller

Resolution of Support House of Ludington Senior Housing Project

Excerpt of the minutes of a special meeting of the Historic Commission held on August 4, 2015, City Hall, 410 Ludington Street, Escanaba, Michigan, at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Chairperson Don Curran, Vice Chair Judy Fouts, Secretary Suzell Eisenberger, Commissioners Keller, Lindquist and O'Donnell.

Absent: Commissioner Morrison

"Upon motion made by Commissioner Keller, seconded by Commissioner Lindquist, the following **Resolution was adopted:**

WHEREAS. the Historic District Commission of the City of Escanaba, Michigan, recognizes the value of historic preservation as an effective tool for economic revitalization; and

WHEREAS, the Commission recognizes the demand for both market-rate and affordable housing in the downtown area to provide housing opportunities within its boundaries; and

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

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; and

WHEREAS, the Historic District Commission wishes to specifically protect the historic nature of the House of Ludington and would only support the "House of Ludington Senior Project" provided the project strictly adhered to the Department of Interior Standards for treatment of historic properties and the State Historic Preservation Office Guidelines;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY PROCLAIMED by the Historic District Commission their support of the redevelopment of the Historic "House of Ludington" project by Excel Realty Group, Peter Jobson President of Beachwood, Ohio, and encourages and supports the development of quality new affordable senior housing in the Ludington Street corridor of the DDA District.

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

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED

I, the undersigned, being duly qualified and acting Secretary of the 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 August 4, 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