OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
CITY COUNCIL
PLANNING COMMISSION
CITY OF ESCANABA, MICHIGAN
Special Council Meeting
Thursday, May 12, 2016

Pursuit to a special meeting notice posted May 6, 2016, the meeting was called to order by the Honorable Mayor Marc D. Tall at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 410 Ludington Street.

Present: Mayor Marc D. Tall (left at 6:55 p.m.), Mayor Pro Tem Ronald J. Beauchamp, Council Members Patricia A. Baribeau, Ralph B. Blasier, and Michael R. Sattem.
Absent: None

Planning: Vice Chairperson Kelvin Smyth, Commission Members Thomas Warstler, Brian Black, Morley Diment, Paul Caswell, James Hellermann, Roy Webber, and Christine Williams.
Absent: Chairperson Patrick Connor

Also Present: City Manager James V. O'Toole, Robert S. Richards City Clerk, Executive Secretary Buffy Smith, Media and members of the public.

Webber moved, Black seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY,** to approve Planning Commission Meeting Minutes from March 10, 2016, as submitted.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION – None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

PUBLIC HEARING(S) – None

NEW BUSINESS

Presentation – Preliminary Community Master Plan.

The preliminary draft of the updated Community Master Plan was presented to the City Council and Planning Commission by the Central Upper Peninsula Planning and Development Regional Commission (CUPPAD). The purpose of the presentation was intended to provide an opportunity for both the City Council and Planning Commission to collectively discuss the plan. Additionally, Administration sought approval to distribute the plan to area local units of government for their comments.

CUPPAD Community Planner Anne Milne presented a video and overview on the proposed Master Plan (See Attachment – A), and took questions from members of the City Council and Planning Commission. Those present discussed the following:

- Manager O'Toole presented an update on the Delta Plaza Mall;
- Reviewed a Planned Business Park and purpose;

- Discussed Form Based Code to create more public spaces;
- Discussed jobs, population, and development of the North shoreline;
- Discussed Master Plan for the long term highest and best use of the land;
- Members were asked to submit their edits.

After discussion, the following motions were made:

NB-1a Planning Member Diment moved, Planning Member Caswell seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to recommend City Administration distribute the Community Master Plan to area local units of government for their 65 day comment period.

NB-1b Council Member Baribeau moved, Council Member Sattem seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, directed City Administration distribute the Community Master Plan to area local units of government for the 65 day comment period.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT – None

COMMISSION/STAFF COMMENT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

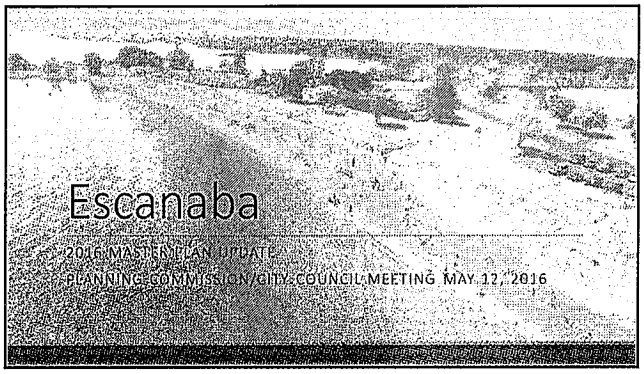
Hearing no further business or public comment, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert S. Richards, CMC
City Clerk

Approved: _____
Marc. D. Tall, Mayor

Attachment - A



Agenda

- Purpose of the Master Plan
- Planning Process
- Key Trends Affecting the Community
- Public Input
- Goals and Objectives
- Future Land Use

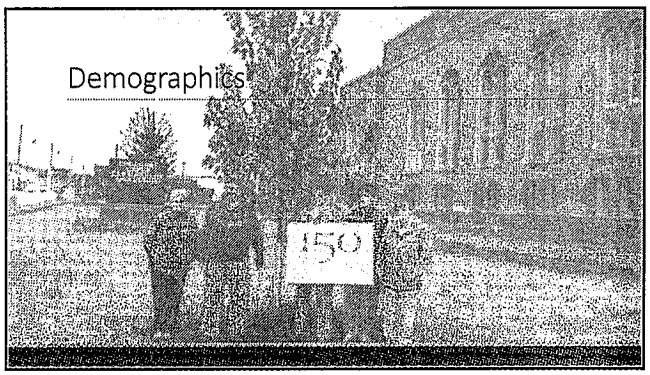
Purpose

What is this all about anyway?

- Shared vision for the future
- Guide land use and development
- Focus public effort and investment

Planning Process

- Review previous plans
- Collect and analyze data
- Interview staff and stakeholders
- Conduct public survey
- Community Meetings and Events
- Integrate and Review
- Adoption Process



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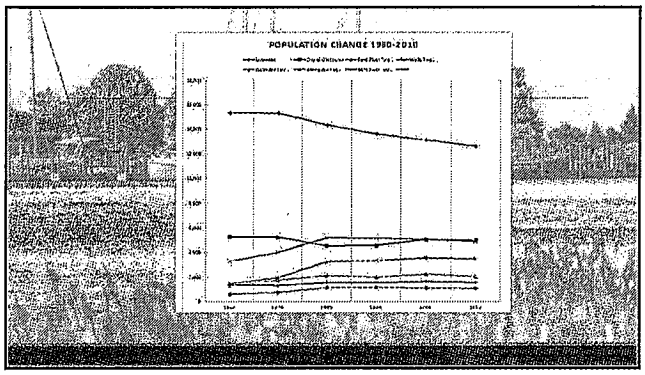
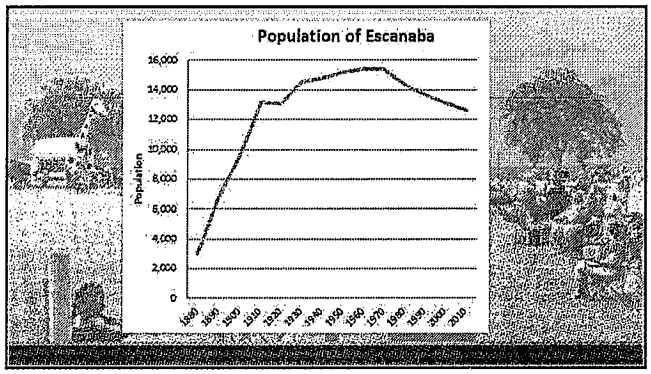
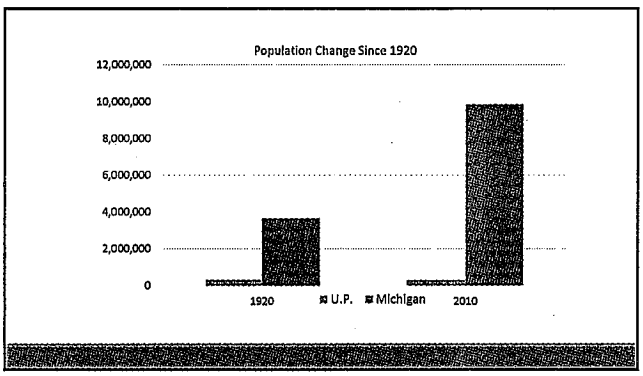
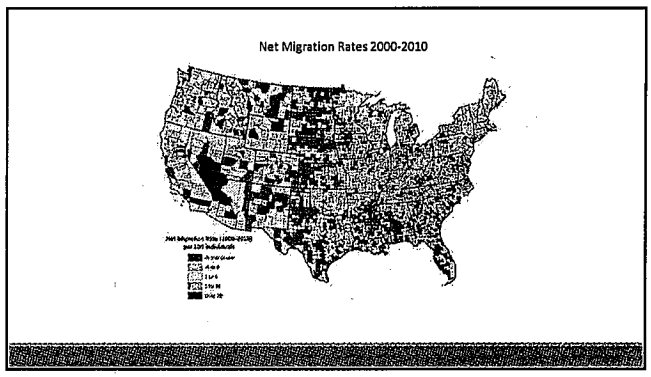








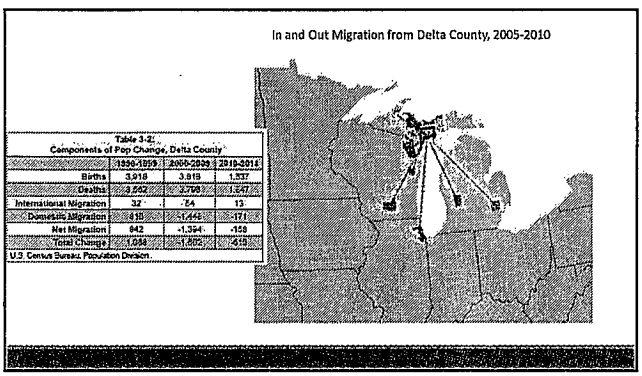
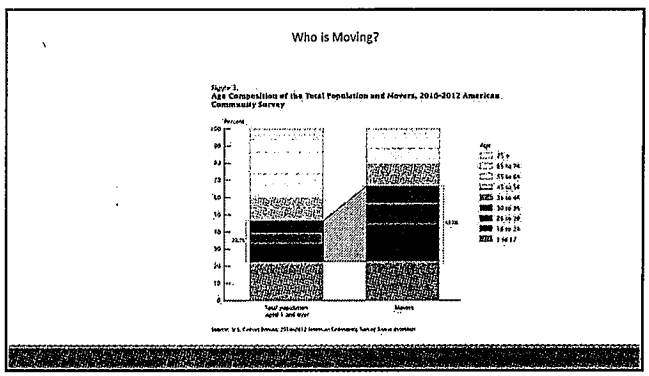


Table 3-2:
Components of Pop Change, Delta County

	1990-1999	2000-2009	2010-2014
Births	3,918	3,818	1,537
Deaths	3,562	3,798	1,547
International Migration	32	-54	13
Domestic Migration	818	-1,444	-171
Net Migration	842	-1,394	-158
Total Change	1,088	-1,802	-618

U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division



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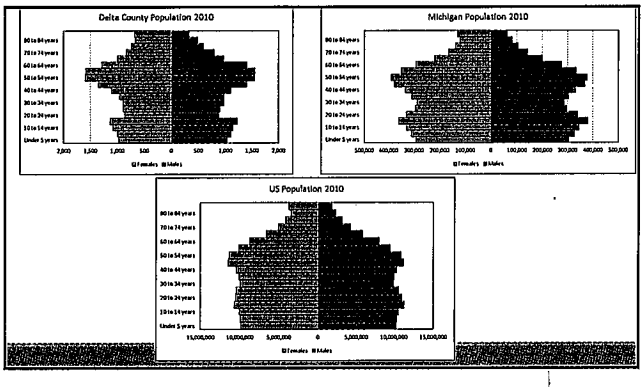

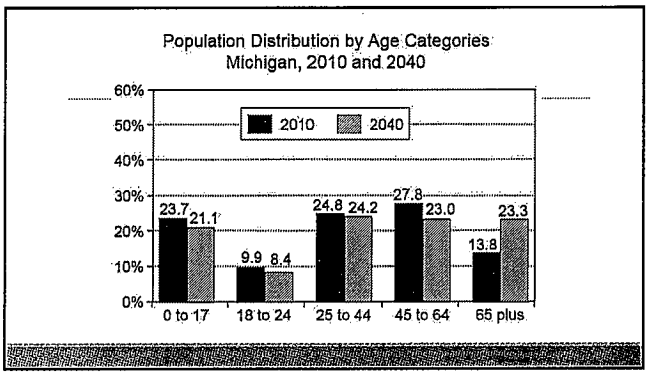

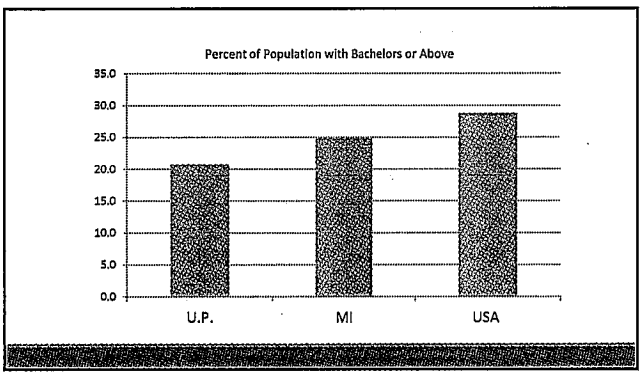

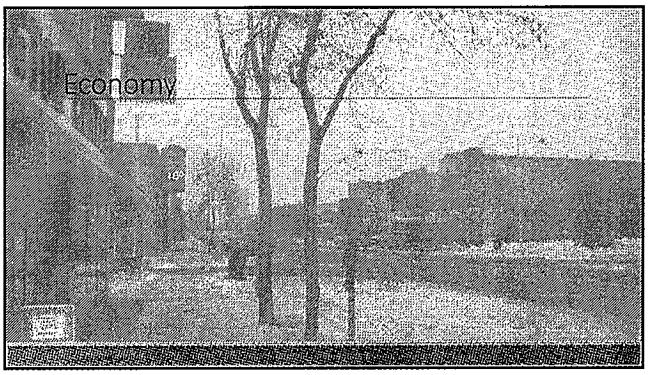

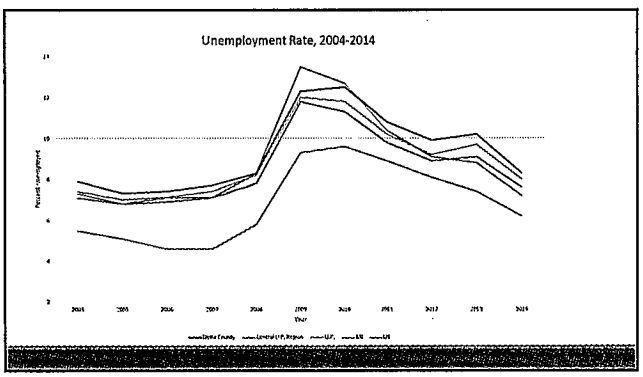

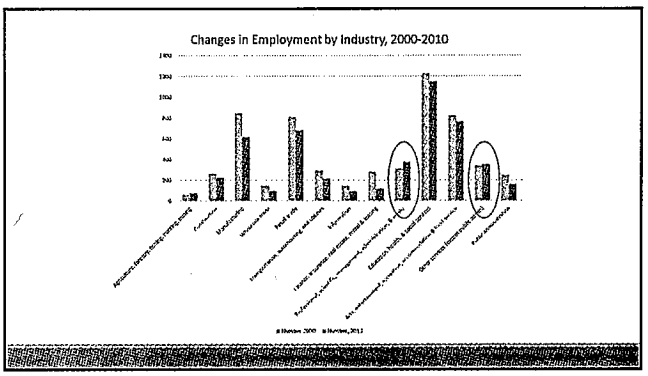

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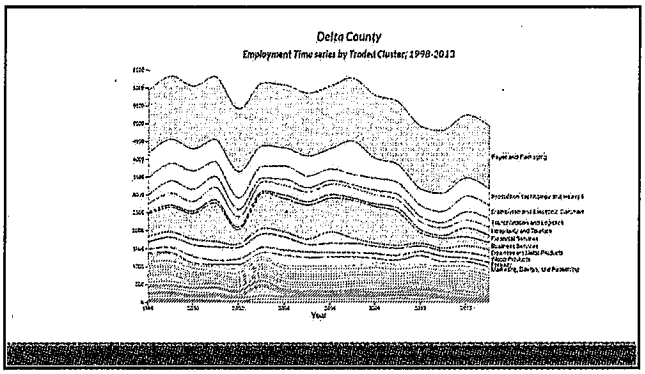

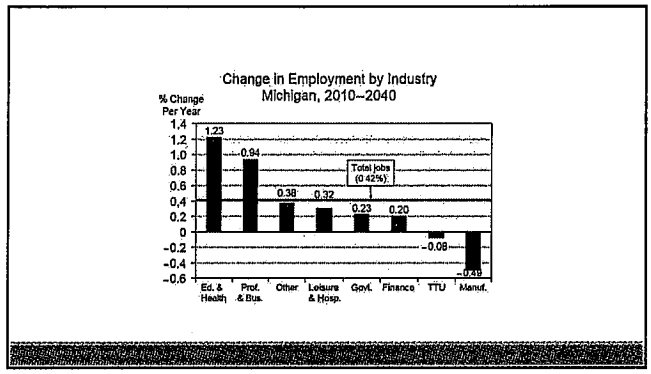

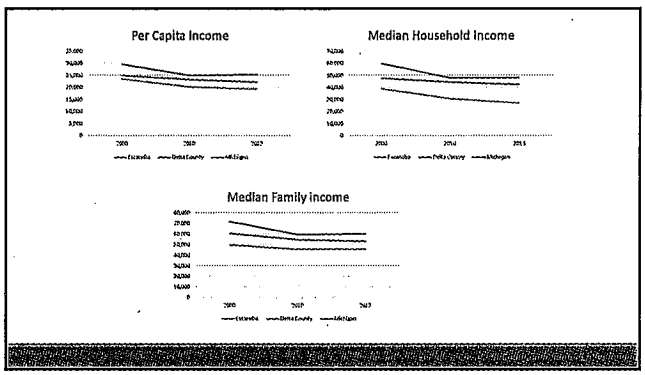

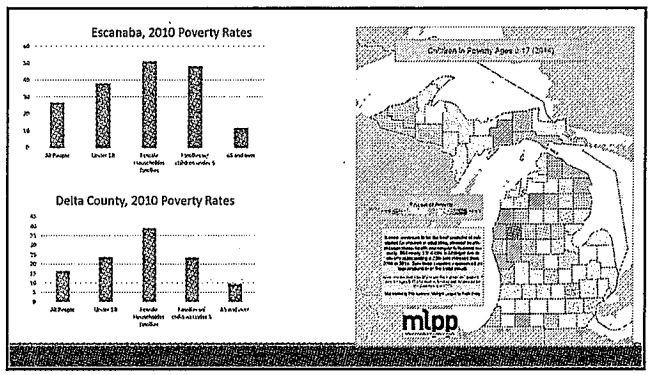

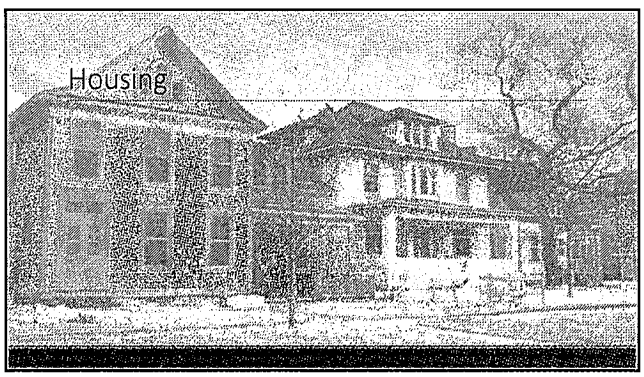

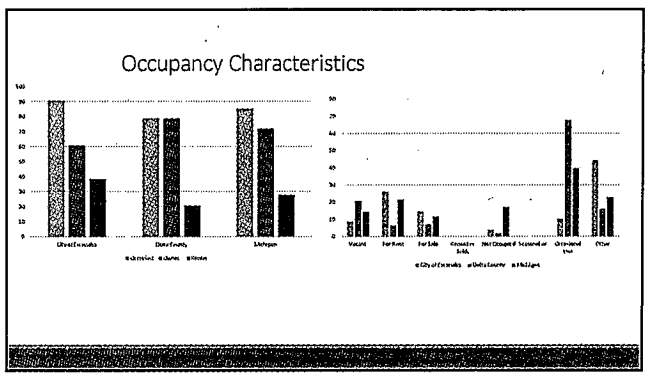

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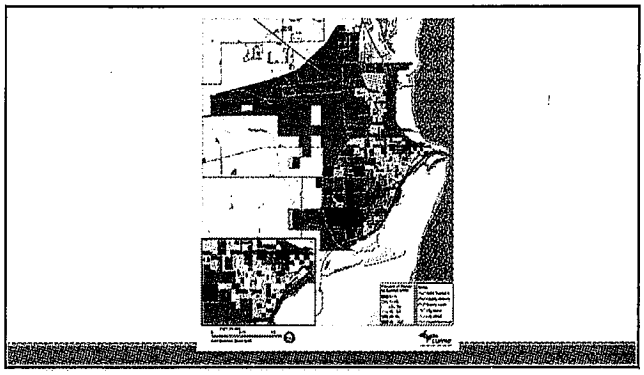

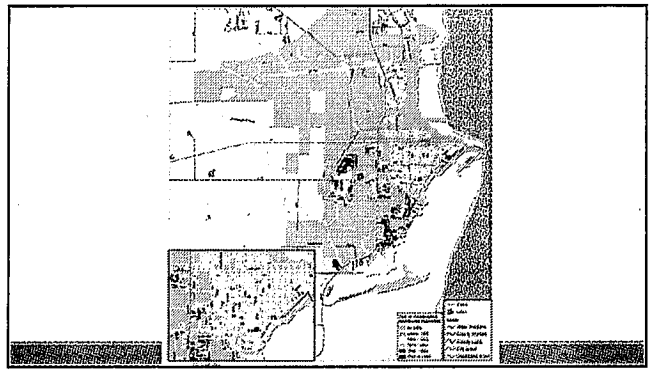

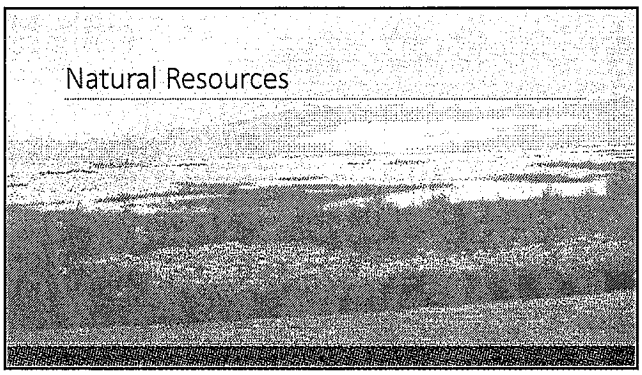

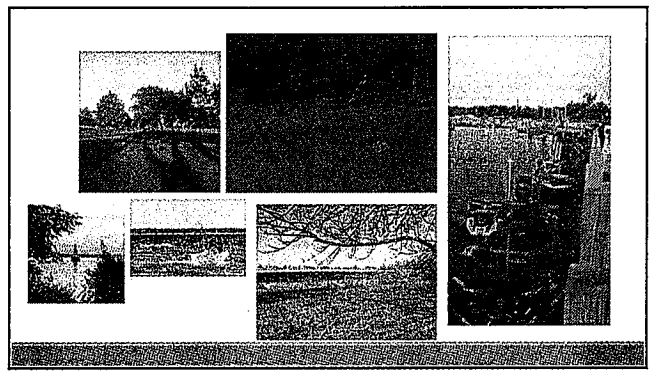

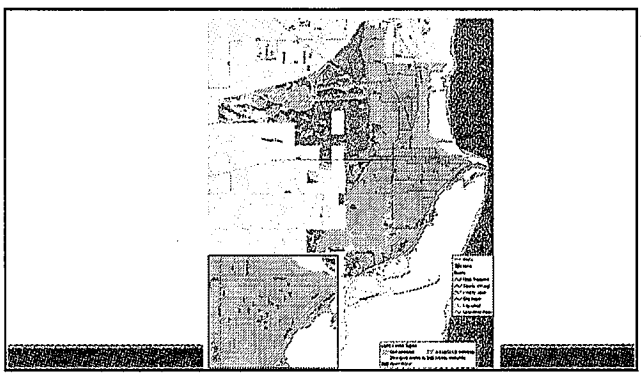

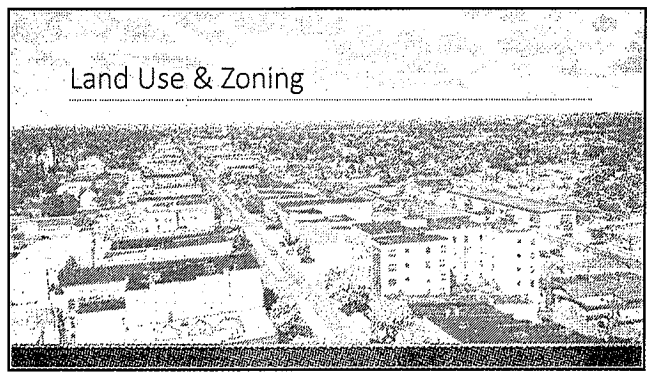

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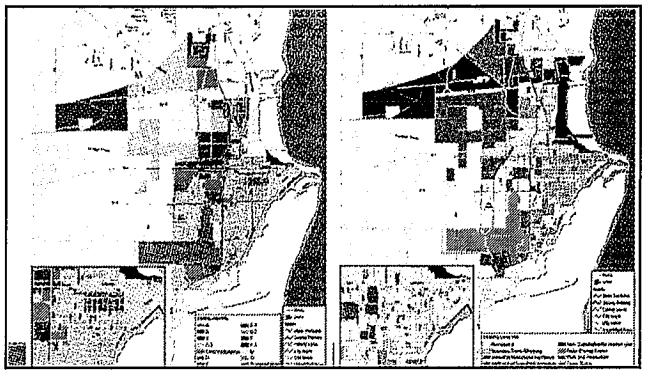

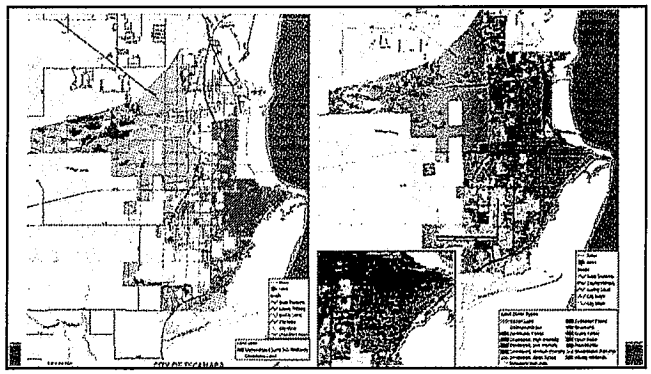

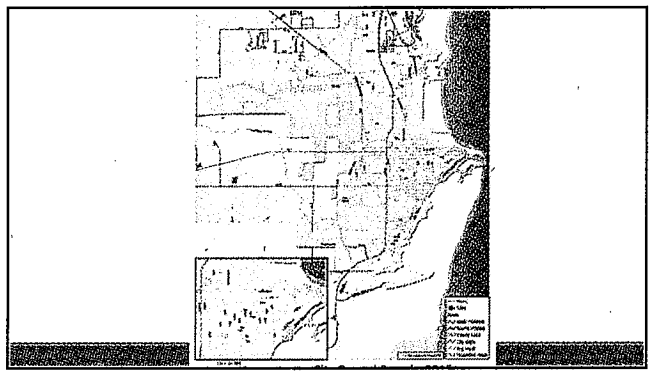

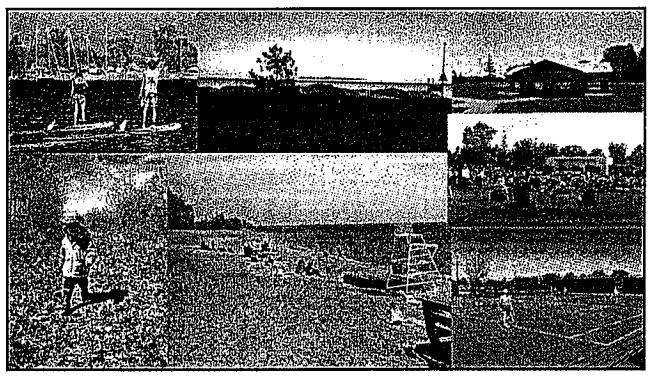

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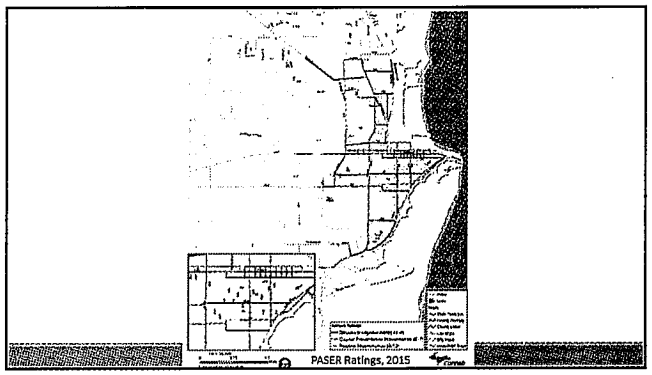
Transportation



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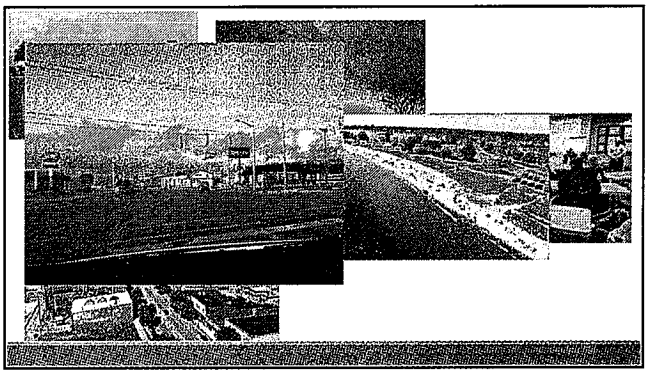
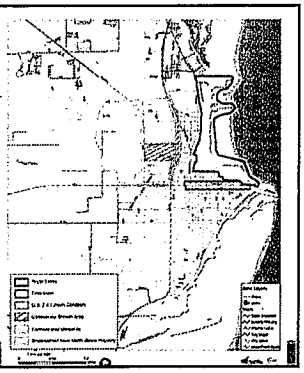


Vision for 2036

Community vision: In 2036 Escanaba will be an attractive community with a vibrant and bustling downtown that has a strong connection to the waterfront. The City will have well-maintained, sustainable infrastructure, and a diverse economic base that provides opportunities for young adults and offers residents with a high standard of living. The City will be friendly to pedestrians and cyclists and home to high quality schools, a thriving arts scene, tree lined streets and an accessible shoreline.

Areas of Interest



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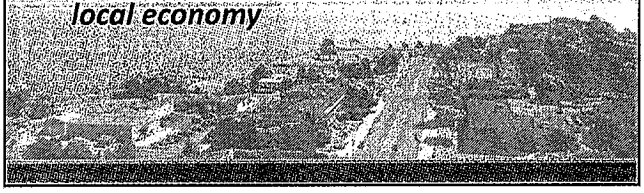
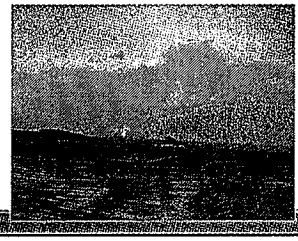
1. Economic Development

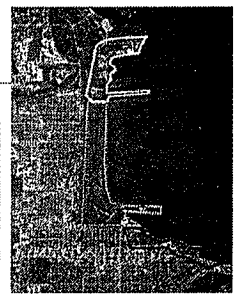
Build on the unique assets of the community to grow and diversify the local economy



Objectives

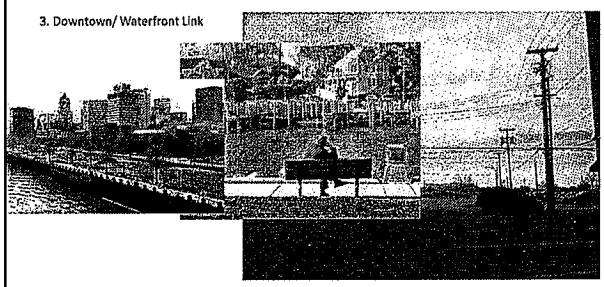
1. North Shore Waterfront Redevelopment



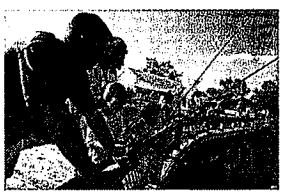


2. Vibrant Public Spaces

3. Downtown/ Waterfront Link



4. Expand Use of Fairgrounds



4. Attractive and Thriving Downtown

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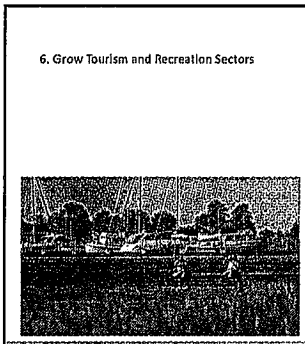
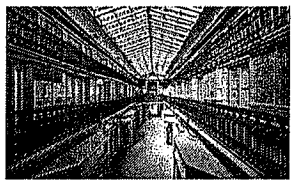
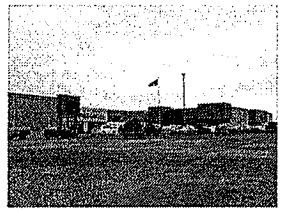
6. Grow Tourism and Recreation Sectors

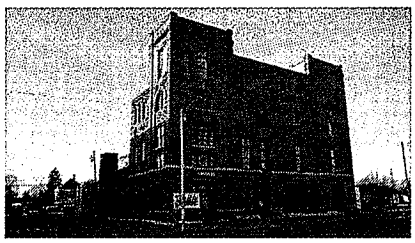


7. Retrofit Outdate or Underutilized Properties

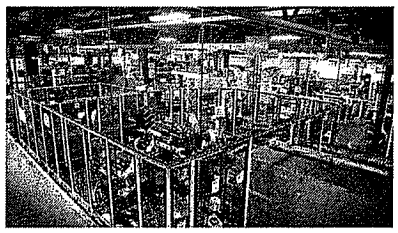




8. Brownfield Redevelopment



9. Support Local Industries



10. Secondary Business District Development

2 Housing

Encourage the provision of an adequate supply of affordable, well-maintained, safe, housing that is consistent with the needs of the local population.

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1. Expand housing variety

2. Protect the Character of Historic Neighborhoods

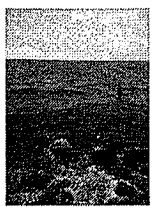
3. Neighborhood Enhancement

Neighborhood NSP Stabilization Program

3. Natural Resources

Sustain the quality of the City's natural resources for the enjoyment of future generations

1. Protect the quality of the Bay



1. Sustain Healthy Ecosystems

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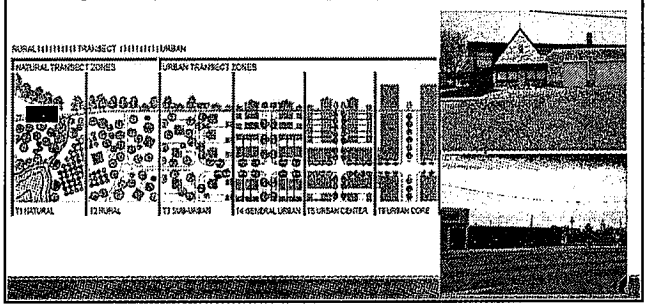
4. Land Use and Zoning

Land use regulations will support a wide range of development that encourages a more vibrant, sustainable, and healthy community.

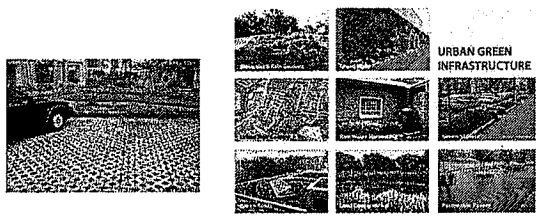
1. Strengthen Development Standards to Promote High Quality, Sustainable Development



5. Community facilities & Services

The City will continue to provide quality and affordable services that support economic development, public health, education, and well-being.

1. Ensure the Reliability, Efficiency, and Sustainability of Public Infrastructure



2. A More Engaged Community

6. Recreation

Escanaba's recreation system will enhance the enjoyment and health of residents and contribute to the unique character of the community.

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1. Recreation Facilities will Meet Community Needs

2. Pursue Additional Funding to Support the Development and Maintenance of Recreation Sites

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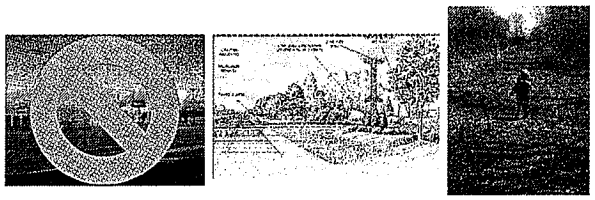
Invest on Main Street

7. Transportation

Escanaba will have a safe, efficient, and sustainable transportation network that meets the needs of residents and business.

1. Transportation Networks will Support Efficient Travel and Sustainable Land Use



2. Alternative Funding Sources

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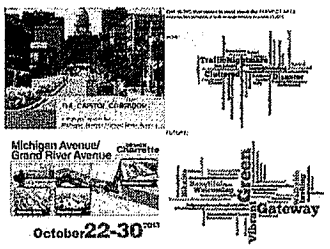

Future Land Use

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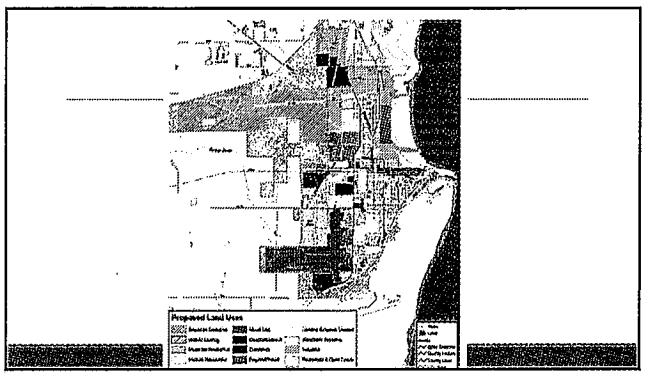

Questions?