

**CITY OF ESCANABA
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
Official Proceedings – June 19, 2023**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

A meeting of the Escanaba Historic District Commission was held on Monday, June 19, 2023, in Room C101 at City Hall, 410 Ludington Street, Escanaba, MI 49829.

Curran called the meeting to order at 4:15 PM.

ROLL CALL

Chair Don Curran:	Present	Comm. Monte Morrison:	Present
Vice Chair Judith Fouts:	Present	Comm. Ellie O'Donnell:	Present
Secretary Karen Lindquist:	Present	Comm. Myra Croasdell:	Present
Comm. Rebecca McIntyre:	Present		

With seven in attendance, a quorum of the Historic District Commission was present.

ALSO PRESENT

City Administration:

Tyler Anthony, Planning & Zoning Administrator Karen Moore, Council Liaison
Heather Calouette, Administrative Assistant

Others:

No other individuals were present.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Curran to approve the March 20, 2023 minutes as presented. MOTION PASSED.

[Note: No support was made, nor was there a vote; the motion proceeded unopposed.]

AGENDA

No changes to the agenda were made.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS**NB1: Discussion: Ogden Triangle Summary Report**

Anthony introduced the agenda item. He explained that the Michigan State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), in partnership with the City of Escanaba, completed an overview inventory of the Ogden Triangle area in August 2021. The geographic boundaries of the Ogden Triangle area were defined by City Administration in their request for SHPO assistance based on the Master Plan, which noted that the area “possess[ed] a high concentration of historic structures deserving to be preserved for the community.” Commissioners discussed the steps necessary to establish a new district. McIntyre noted that the first step towards that district was the appointment of a Historic District Study Committee (HDSC). Curran suggested having the HDC serve on the HDSC. Moore suggested that the HDC make a recommendation to the City Council that they appoint an HDSC consisting only of the HDC’s membership. Anthony indicated that the HDC should engage in community education moving forward, regardless of the final path. He explained that it’s important to determine the end goal, as a direction could not be found without that destination. Alan Higgins of SHPO was expected to present the Ogden Triangle Summary Report to the commission in September. Commissioners felt it would be beneficial to hold a public forum so residents can be educated.

A motion was made by Curran, seconded by Fouts, to have the HDC and its staff investigate comparable historic district efforts in comparably sized communities with special emphasis on the initial outreach. MOTION PASSED.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

COMMISSIONER/STAFF COMMENT & ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by O'Donnell to adjourn the meeting. Supported by Lindquist. MOTION PASSED.

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 PM.

APPROVAL

These minutes approved at the _____ meeting. ____

Don Curran, Chair
Escanaba Historic District Commission

Tyler Anthony, Planning and Zoning Administrator
City of Escanaba