



Stephen Buckbee, Chairperson
Bridgette Jaakola, Vice-Chairperson
Richard Kell, Secretary
Jason Gasperich, Deputy Secretary

**PLANNING COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA
AND COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE –
ESCANABA NORTH SHORE
PLANNING**

June 10, 2009, at 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Jon Liss, Commissioner
Dennis Renken, Commissioner
Greg Haslow, Commissioner
James V. O’Toole, City Manager

Escanaba Civic Center, 225 North 21st Street, Escanaba, MI 49829

Planning Commission

Wednesday, June 10, 2009, from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 10, 2009, from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Community Open House

CALL TO ORDER
ROLL CALL
CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

NEW BUSINESS

1. North Shore Redevelopment Planning Process – Goal Setting and Opportunity Identification.

Explanation: Beckett & Raeder, Landscape Architecture Planning, Engineering & Environmental Services along with members of the National Waterfront Center will facilitate a discussion with Planning Commission members which will help to clearly articulate fundamental goals, objectives and guiding principles upon which future decision will be based relating to the Escanaba North Shore.

2. North Shore Community Open House.

Explanation: A Community Open House will be conducted which will allow an opportunity for residents and property owners to discuss their North Shore ideas with the planning team one-on-one in an informal setting. Information obtained from the Open House will be used to craft a plan for the North Shore.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT

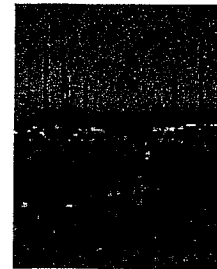
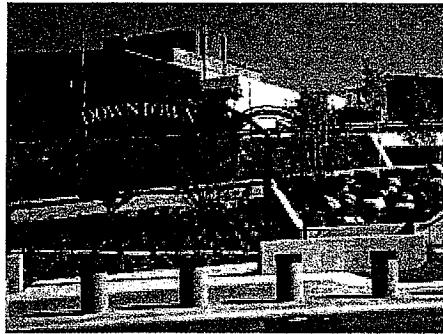
The City of Escanaba will provide all necessary, reasonable aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audiotapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon five days notice to the City of Escanaba. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the City of Escanaba by writing or calling City Hall at (906) 786-9402.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephen Buckbee, Chairperson
Planning Commission

Community Design

Waterfront Development



Petoskey Waterfront

Bayfront Park is the primary feature and activity center of the Petoskey waterfront. The major goal of the park development is to provide increased public access to Little Traverse Bay and to establish an effective pedestrian and functional linkage between the waterfront and the renown downtown "Gaslight" shopping district. Improvements to the park were funded primarily by local sources through the Petoskey Tax Increment Finance Authority, with State of Michigan participation through the Waterways Division and Recreation Services Division of the Department of Natural Resources and a total project commitment of up to five million dollars.

Main features of the park include a central promenade linking the downtown to the City pier, marina and waterfront walkway; waterfront playground, softball tournament field, rivermouth boardwalk, new City Hall and Public Service Buildings, open picnic and activity greens, and arboretum. Services provided by our firm included design, engineering and construction administration for all park facilities, roads, utilities and shoreline stabilization.

Other Representative Waterfront Development Projects

Lower Harbor, Marquette, Michigan
 Waterfront Redevelopment Plan, Essexville, Michigan
 Coastal Zone Management Plan, Monroe, Michigan
 Frenchmen Cove, Detroit & Ecorse, Michigan
 State Ferry Dock Adaptive Reuse, Village of Mackinaw, Michigan





Educational Mission

The Center provides objective, timely and trustworthy information on all facets of community planning and development, emphatically including the private sector as well as the public, and also independent citizen's groups. A distinguishing feature of the Center's meetings and publications is the commitment to cover a breadth of topics and issues that relate to the urban waterfront — thus public art, festivals and celebration, historic preservation, ecological values and the working waterfront are among areas of special emphasis.

Information must balance the interests of the for-profit developer with overall community interests and also balance economic interests with environmental and social concerns. The balanced approach is in contrast to a market-driven or strictly economic standard.

The Center serves as a continuing forum for the varied interests in urban waterfronts to come together to share information and learn from each other's perspective. The Center advocates the importance of shared learning, but also emphasizes the inappropriateness of "models" of waterfront development.

The Center advocates maximum public accessibility to and along the shoreline wherever safely and practicably possible. The Center also stresses the importance of quality design and execution tailored to each locality's history and culture.

e-mail: mail@waterfrontcenter.org © 2007 The Waterfront Center

Content and photographs on this site may not be reproduced without express permission from The Waterfront Center.



North Shore Redevelopment Plan

PRESS RELEASE

The City of Escanaba is pleased to announce a series of meetings focusing on the preparation of the North Shore Redevelopment Plan. On June 10 and June 11, there will be several meetings taking place at the Civic Center involving the public and the project's consultants: Beckett & Raeder, Inc. (Ann Arbor) and the Waterfront Center (Washington D.C.). The Waterfront Center, a non-profit educational organization, was formed in 1981. Since its formation, the Center has chronicled the urban waterfront phenomenon as it has grown and spread worldwide. Communities of all sizes have transformed abandoned, underused waterfront areas for a wide array of new uses, from parks and trails to mixed-use and residential projects, as well as industrial activity. Ann Breen and Dick Rigby, co-directors of the Waterfront Center, will be in Escanaba to assess the North Shore, talk with residents, property owners, and city administrators.

On June 10, there will be a Special Meeting of the Escanaba Planning Commission at 5 p.m. followed by a Community Open House at 7 p.m. The Community Open House is an opportunity for residents and property owners to discuss their ideas with the consultant team one-on-one in an informal setting. Information obtained through this session will be used to craft a vision for the North Shore. "I am encouraging the community to attend these sessions and offer their ideas on how the waterfront should be used in the future. The planners need to hear from the community on their expectations," as stated by James O'Toole, City Manager.

On June 11 at 5 p.m., there will be a joint workshop with the City Council, Planning Commission, Downtown Development Authority and Brownfield Redevelopment Authority to discuss the North Shore project. At 7 p.m., there will be a presentation by the Waterfront Center on local findings and how other communities are using their waterfronts. Mr. O'Toole stated, "This session will be both informational and educational."

Contact Information: James V. O'Toole, citymanager@escanaba.org or (906) 786-9402.

B R
Beckett&Raeder
*Landscape Architecture
Planning, Engineering &
Environmental Services*

www.bria2.com

www.waterfrontcenter.org

All meetings to take place at
the Escanaba Civic Center, 225
North 21st Street, Escanaba,
MI 49829

Escanaba City Hall
(906) 786-9402
www.escanaba.org