



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."

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