

**CITY OF HANCOCK  
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES  
OF OCTOBER 22, 2012**

The regular monthly Planning Commission meeting held on Monday, October 22, 2012 was called to order by Chairperson Dan Lorenzetti at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall with the following members present: Bill Baxandall, Dan Lorenzetti, Terry Monson, Lisa McKenzie, Bill Laitila and Glenn Anderson

Absent: Bob Wenc, Dave Lucchesi and Tony Wilmers

Guests: John Haeussler

It was moved by Monson and seconded by Baxandall to approve the agenda.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

It was moved by Baxandall and seconded by McKenzie to approve the September 24, 2012 minutes with two corrections, change the word cup to cap in the first update sentence on page one and change approve to approved on the 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph on page 3 of the minutes.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

There were no public comments.

Updates/Information

-Reviewed the new WUPPDR Transportation Resources web site,

[www.getaroundwup.org](http://www.getaroundwup.org)

-Noted the city campground had a record year of revenue and use.

-Reviewed the Michigan Tech Public Transit Survey.

-Heard that the city's Bicycle and Pedestrian committee has a joint on-line survey with the City of Houghton and has a deadline of November 21<sup>st</sup>.

-Reviewed the Hancock Bide and Pedestrian Committee meeting minutes of September 20, 2012.

-Heard that the city council adopted a resolution opposing statewide ballot proposal #5 to require a 2/3 vote to increase any statewide tax.

-Reviewed the September 13, 2012 US41/M26 Corridor Committee meeting notes.

-Heard that the city was exploring grant opportunities to rehab the East Hancock Historic Stairway and will ask MDOT if the project is eligible for the new MAP 21 transportation alternatives grant program that replaced the enhancement grant program.

-Heard that Citizen's Bank is planning to merge with FirstMerit Bank.

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- Reviewed the new State of Michigan MAP 21 federal transportation funds. FY13 MAP 21 funding is the same as FY 12 but funds were reallocated from 12 programs down to 6 programs, with some funding changes.
- Heard that the city will host two more Reshape Downtown Hancock sessions on October 27<sup>th</sup> and November 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Habanero's new restaurant is expected to open in November.

The commission discussed today's Franklin Township Board approval to grant a purchase option to the Keweenaw National Historic Park Advisory Commission to allow purchase of the Quincy Smelter property for reuse as the possible new headquarters for the Isle Royale National Park. The option expires on September 30, 2015 and the proposed purchase price is \$346,437. The property still needs to be delisted as a superfund site by the EPA. The acquisition of the option should help get the property delisted.

The commission reviewed copies of the final Portage Lake Lift Bridge Incident Management Plan prepared by the Houghton County Emergency Preparedness office and the Western Upper Peninsula Planning & Development Region. The project was funded from a grant from MDOT. The report examined institutional capacity, explored bridge outage implications and provided a plan for response for a long term bridge outage.

Dan Lorenzetti said that efforts should still be focused on obtaining funding for a second bridge.

Council member John Haeussler thanked the commission for its support on the upcoming City of Hancock Headlee Override vote.

It was moved by Monson and seconded by McKenzie to cancel the regular November and December meetings and schedule one new meeting for Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

It was moved by Baxandall and seconded by Monson to adjourn at 7:50 p.m.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Glenn Anderson, Secretary

