The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by G. Corkin. The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited. Roll call was taken and a quorum was present. The actions taken would be as a recommendation until the next meeting or until a quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
A MOTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA WAS MADE BY M. SLOWN, SUPPORTED BY R. ANDERSON CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES
A MOTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 23, 2018 MINUTES WAS MADE BY M. SLOWN, SUPPORTED BY J. DOUCETTE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SECRETARY’S REPORT
None

TREASURER’S REPORT
Treasurer Beudo reported that the Art Place grant is starting to be spent down. There are still some questions about how funds are being recorded as some categories are over budget while others are hardly spent at all. There is still a healthy cash balance of $864,000 and overall everything looks fine. G. Corkin explained that CUPPADs budget has increased considerably since RPI funds started in 2015 but
CUPPAD has to start preparing for the time when RPI funds are no longer available. **A MOTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE TREASURER’S REPORT WAS MADE J. LINDER, SUPPORTED BY D. RUSHFORD CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

G. Corkin reported the Executive Committee has been seeking an auditor through the RFP process. Three companies submitted bids, one from Schneider, Larche, Haapala and Co. $7,000, another from Jason Clausen, P.C for $10,000, and the lowest bid came from Gabridge and Co. for $3,945. CUPPAD Executive Committee approved the selection of Gabridge and Co. for one year.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

LaJoye reported that CUPPAD will be submitting a proposal for the City of Marquette Master Recreation Plan. She believes CUPPAD has a good chance because the City’s budget is $70,000 and she was able to bring in other planning organizations to augment portions of the scope of work where CUPPAD might fall short along with an expert in ADA compliance and universal design. Other projects include a CDBG façade redeveloped contract with the city of Escanaba for $30,000. The ArtPlace grant is moving forward with three murals in the city of Iron Mountain, one in the city of Manistique and one in the city of Gladstone. CUPPAD is hosting a summit on the opiate crisis in Marquette on May 8th. Medical, human service and law enforcement agencies will come together to share their professional experiences in dealing with the opiate crisis and learn from each other in the process. Prosperous Places mini grant applications are now available. These grants provide an opportunity for local units of governments to develop enhancements in their communities. The grant provides up to $4,000 per project and requires a 50% match. **A MOTION TO APPROVE THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT AND THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT WAS MADE C. RIERER, SUPPORTED BY J. LINDER MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Budget FY2018 was not adopted due to lack of a quorum. The current budget is 1/2 of the way through. **A MOTION TO APPROVE THE BUDGET WAS MADE BY R. ANDERSON, SUPPORTED BY J. BEAUDO, MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

LaJoye announced that CUPPAD will be sending out a survey to all local units of government in the central region to assess their level of interest in the types of services CUPPAD provides.

**PROGRAM SPEAKERS**

Alan Barr, CEO and Executive Director of Schoolcraft Tourism and Commerce explained the local success of the Mia Tavonatti mural project in downtown Manistique known as the Power of Words. Over half of the community participated in the word selection process. The community has fully embraced the project and they want to use the balance of Art Place funds dedicated to Schoolcraft County as leverage for a Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs for more murals.

Shelia Aldrich, City Manager of Manistique, talked about the City’s infrastructure improvements including major improvements to the harbor, water, sewer and street improvement projects on the horizon and praised CUPPAD for the fine work they do how they have assisted the City of
Manistique through Blight Elimination grants to remove dilapidated structures and reduce blight in the City.

NEXT MEETING DATE
The next CUPPDA Commission meeting will be July 27, 2018 in Dickenson County.

ADJOURNMENT
Meeting adjourned at 1:32 p.m. A tour was taken of the new Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital