CITY OF LA CROSSE, WISCONSIN CITY PLAN COMMISSION REPORT July 31, 2017

> AGENDA ITEM - 17-0908 (Lewis Kuhlman)

AN ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 115-110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse transferring certain property from the Single Family District to the Public and Semi-Public District allowing for a garden to be used by Hamilton school at 807 Johnson Street

ROUTING: J&A, Public Hearing 7/31/17 6:00 p.m.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Applicant seeks to rezone a 3,485-square-foot lot in order to lease it to the School District for a garden. This rezoning is necessary because a community garden is not permitted in the Single Family District, but is in the Public and Semi-Public District. Applicant purchased the land in 2016, but the lot has been vacant at least since 2008. The garden will be a partnership between Hamilton Elementary School and GROW La Crosse. It is adjacent to residences, the school, and a potential commercial building that is zoned for residential use. A community garden would have little effect on the tax value and would be a complimentary use among the residences and school.

➢ GENERAL LOCATION:

In the PPH Neighborhood, 1.5 blocks from 7th & Jackson, depicted in MAP 17-0908.

RECOMMENDATION OF OTHER BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

None

CONSISTENCY WITH ADOPTED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:

The Future Land Use Map identifies this parcel as Traditional Neighborhood Development. A community garden could be considered complimentary to that and complimentary to objectives for targeted redevelopment, compact development, land use compatibility, and traditional urban character.

PLANNING RECOMMENDATION:

Approval – It's a small, underutilized lot near Hamilton that could be a good asset for the school and community.





