

Background on the Patrick Zielke Suite

The Patrick Zielke Suite was named in honor for the late Mayor Patrick Zeilke. It was dedicated to his name with the opening of the current La Crosse Center in 1980. Mayor Zielke had the vision and the drive to create, design and build the La Crosse Center for the citizens of La Crosse. He was widely known as “Mayor Pat”, but to anyone he spoke to he would answer to simply just Pat. He was truly considered the people’s mayor.

Now with the remodeling and expansion of the La Crosse Center it is fitting that we continue the naming of a new suite in honor of Mayor Zielke. In doing so the staff is recommending one of the Suites that will be overlooking the arena, serve as a meeting room and be adjacent to the main corridor that leads to the new ballroom overlooking the Mississippi River.

Attached is a drawing of that room that is being recommended. There are additional ideas on how to show case this suite as we move along with the expansion.

The La Crosse Center Board is being asked to approve this recommendation.