



# City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall  
400 La Crosse Street  
La Crosse, WI 54601

## Meeting Minutes

### Sustainable La Crosse Commission

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Thursday, October 20, 2016

4:30 PM

5th Floor Conference Room

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#### Call to Order, Roll Call

*The meeting was called to order by Chairman Giese at 4:30 p.m.*

**Present:** 8 - Jai Johnson, Mike Giese, Martin Gaul, Harvey Bertrand, Tom Thompson, Dorothy Lenard, Rob Tyser, Rick Cornforth

- 1     [16-1024](#)     Approval of September 15, 2016 Minutes

**Attachments:**     [Minutes](#)

**A motion was made by Bertrand, seconded by Thompson, to approve the September 15, 2016 minutes. The motion carried by voice vote.**

- 2     **Public Comment**

#### **Agenda Items:**

- 3     **Staff briefing (10 min.)**

*The City is hosting an event December 5th for all Green Tier communities. Mike Giese provided updates. Nick reported on the Community Resiliency Summit. Jason Gilman reported on Xcel Solar and M Power commitment. Lewis Kuhlman updated on urban food growing policy.*

- 4     [16-0947](#)     Discussion and Action on Xcel's Solar\*Connect Community Program Proposal

**Attachments:**     [Information Packet](#)  
                              [Calculator Spreadsheet](#)

*Jason Gilman reported on the program. Commissioner Johnson noted the La Crosse Center organic farm event MOSES.*

**A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Thompson, to pursue solar subscription for MOSES conference. Tyser amended the motion to keep it open for the appropriate events. The motion carried by voice vote.**

- 5     **Discussion on filling business representative member vacancy**

*Commissioner Tyser suggested a press release to advertise the vacancy, noting we need a business representative. Lewis Kuhlman will provide a draft of the press*

*release to Commissioner Johnson and Commissioner Tyser for review and publication.*

## 6 Status Report on SLC Funding Request

*Commissioner Giese provided an overview of County's budget consideration (\$7500) being considered for the Commission with Commission control of appropriations. Commissioner Tyser noted the cost of the indicators report.*

## 7 [16-1026](#)

### Review and Revise Proposed 2016-2017 Commission Schedule

**Attachments:**     [2016-17 SLC Schedule - Draft](#)

*Commissioner Tyser handed out meeting schedule including work group meetings, noting for the first six months of 2017 perhaps two priorities of the four be selected to work on. Tyser suggested presentations from guest speakers on each topic. The Commission identified transportation and waste/recycling as the top two issues for 2017. Workgroups were divided into transportation (Martin, Harvey, Dorothy, Rob) and recycling (Tom, Jai, Rick, Mike).*

**A motion was made by Bertrand, seconded by Cornforth, to approve the schedule, priority issues and work groups. The motion carried by voice vote.**

## 8 Next Meeting Date/Agenda Items

*The next meeting is November 17, 2016 at 4:30 p.m.*

## Adjournment

**A motion was made by Gaul, seconded by Lenard, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Giese at 5:50 p.m.**

*Notice is further given that members of other governmental bodies may be present at the above scheduled meeting to gather information about a subject over which they have decision-making responsibility.*

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