



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes

Sustainable La Crosse Commission

Thursday, July 21, 2016

5:00 PM

5th Floor Conference Room

Call to Order, Roll Call

Rick Cornforth replaced Keyla Jones-Rosa on the Commission and arrived during agenda item 2. Gaul arrived during item 4. Giese left at 5:25pm for another meeting and Tyser took over as chairperson at that time.

Giese CALLED TO ORDER this Meeting at 5:01pm.

Present: 7 - Jai Johnson, Mike Giese, Martin Gaul, Dave Niemi, Tom Thompson, Dorothy Lenard, Rob Tyser

Absent: 1 - Harvey Bertrand

- 1 [16-0708](#) Approval of June 16, 2016 Minutes

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

Johnson made a motion, Thompson seconded, that these Minutes be **APPROVED AS AMENDED**. The motion carried by voice vote.

2 Public Comment

Cathy Allen would like to see more progress toward the 25% reduction in fossil fuel use and asked the Commission to consider that in setting its program goals.

Agenda Items:

3 Staff Reports and Informational Updates

The Council planning session covering the sustainability indicators was covered in the newspaper. Randy Nedrelo explained that the County's Household Hazardous Waste program will be depleting its reserve in the next few years, has capital improvement needs, and will be asking the County Board for a \$.25 per capita increase in funding next year. Nedrelo will share legislation with Commission for review when it is ready.

4 Discussion and possible action on Rules of Procedures for election of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson and citizen member appointment dates

Giese and Johnson worked on drafts. Topics discussed include when citizen members will be chosen and who picks them, when the chairperson is selected and whether it has to be an elected official, and when the City and County switch administration.

5 Consideration of Sustainability program goals for fiscal year

The Commission decide to refer this agenda item until next meeting.

- 6 [16-0709](#) Discussion and possible action on an urban food growing policy - Pam Hartwell, HUAC

Attachments: [Presentation](#)
[Resolution](#)
[La Crosse Food Growing Guide](#)
[Community Garden Tool Kit](#)
[Chicken Keeping Ordinance](#)
[Livestock Ordinance](#)
[Noxious Weed Ordinance](#)
[Beekeeping Ordinance](#)

Commissioners may forward questions and comments on the legislation to staff.

The Commission REFERED this item for 30 days to allow time for review.

Next Meeting Date/Agenda Items

The next meeting will be August 18th at 5:00pm. Staff will send out a poll to determine at time for a goal-setting meeting to include a potluck.

Adjournment

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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