



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes

Neighborhood Revitalization Commission

Monday, May 1, 2017

6:00 PM

3rd Floor Conference Room

Call to Order, Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Kabat at 6 p.m.

Present: Charles Welch, Will Kratt, Tim Kabat, Steve Nicolai, Jennifer Trost, Liz Nutter, Robert Haavind

Absent: Steve Larrabee

Others present: Council Member Barb Janssen, Brad Williams, Karl Green, Dan Trussoni, Council Member Ostrem, Sue Lynch, Mark Weis, Jacob Sciammas, Dan Stefferud, Caroline Gregerson, Tim Acklin, Sara Olson.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Trost, seconded by Haavind, to approve the April 3, 2017 meeting minutes. The motion carried by voice vote.

Agenda Items:

1. Karl Green, UW Extension, presentation on neighborhood data

Karl Green's powerpoint presentation was distributed to members the day of the meeting. He noted that La Crosse has the lowest total tax base (personal, manufacturing, commercial, residential) compared to other comparable cities in Wisconsin. All cities saw some drop in the equalized value per capita of between 2009 and 2015. Compared to other cities, towns and villages in the County, the City of La Crosse has stalled out in total residential equalized value/capita. The City has a low number of \$200,000 houses, which impacts the tax base. La Crosse has affordable homes in the \$100,000-\$150,000 range. The County median house value is \$154,600. Karl showed the percentage increase in value between 2012-2016, demonstrating that many villages and towns are before even the first City neighborhood. He then noted the most troubled neighborhoods also have the highest percentage of rentals and not changing ownership. For the purposes of his presentation, owner occupancy was determined by lottery tax credit. He also demonstrated the property statistics by school district, noting a 10 year trend in disruptions, or students leaving the school mid-year. The whole school spends more time acclimating students and therefore there is more instability in the whole student body. Karl noted La Crosse has a 34.3% change in daytime population, noting the high number of commuters. Finally, Karl noted the City of La Crosse has the lowest residential value per capita in the entire county; there is very little value, but as much demand for services. Karl Green can be reached at La Crosse County UW-Extension, 785-9593, karl.green@ces.uwex.edu or <http://lacrosse.uwex.edu/community-development/>. He is also available for specific neighborhood association presentations.

2. [17-0498](#) Review of proposed revisions to Municipal Code Section 34-144 - Regulations for planting and care of trees, and the Forestry Department planting permit and brochure.

Attachments: [Updated Municipal Code for Tree Planting 2017.pdf](#)
[Boulevard Tree Planting Permit 2017.pdf](#)
[Tree Planting Brochure \(2\).pdf](#)

A motion was made by Welch, seconded by Nicolai, to recommend approval of the proposed changes to ordinance, permit and brochure. The motion carried 7-0 by voice vote. The revisions will go to the Park Board and Council for approval.

3. Caroline Gregerson, Community Development Week

Caroline distributed a calendar of events. The information is also available at www.cityoflacrosse.org/cdbgweek and many have Facebook events. NRC members are asked to promote the events to their neighborhood associations, including Neighborhood Family Fun Night, Neighborhood Revitalization Tour, Kane Street Garden Tour and Planting Event, Historic Walking Tour and Small Business Mixer.

Next Meeting Date/Agenda Items

The next meeting is Tuesday, May 30, 2017 at 6 p.m. due to the Memorial Day holiday. Agenda items include a review of the action plan.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Haavind, seconded by Welch, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 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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