



# City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall  
400 La Crosse Street  
La Crosse, WI 54601

## Meeting Minutes

### Neighborhood Revitalization Commission

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Tuesday, May 30, 2017

6:00 PM

5th Floor Conference Room

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#### Call to Order, Roll Call

*The meeting was called to order by Mayor Kabat at 6:05 p.m.*

**Present:** 8 - Tim Kabat, Barb Janssen, Steve Nicoli, Jennifer Trost, Angela Manke, Charles Welch, Courtney Lokken, Jim Bagniewski

**Excused:** 2 - Vacant 1, Will Kratt

**Absent:** 1 - Ralph Geary

*Others present: Council Member Neumeister, Council Member Richmond, Council Member Olson, Council Member Padesky, Jacob Sciammas, Sue Lynch, JoAnn Neve, Craig Snyder, Jason Gilman, Sara Olson.*

#### Election of Vice Chair

**A motion was made by Welch, seconded by Janssen, to nominate Jennifer Trost as vice chair. The motion carried 8-0 by voice vote.**

#### Approval of Minutes

**A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Bagniewski, to approve the May 1, 2017 meeting minutes. Trost requested the minutes be revised to list Barb Janssen in others present. The motion carried with the revision 8-0 by voice vote.**

#### Agenda Items:

1. General orientation of the NRC's strategic plan, the role of complimentary organizations and staff support

*Jason Gilman presented and facilitated an orientation to the NRC's strategic plan, the role of complimentary organizations and staff support. He noted neighborhoods are the foundation of quality of life in the City; neighborhoods are an area of highest challenge and opportunity on environmental, economic and social conditions; neighborhoods are a principal character advertisement for future City residents; neighborhoods are the grass roots source of policy considerations; and neighborhoods are a source of heritage, pride and civic responsibility. Jason then noted the NRC's strategic plan elements of encourage the development of neighborhood associations, collaborate with other groups, seek new ways to encourage neighborhood development projects, raise awareness of various available*

*housing and rehab programs as well as small business entrepreneurship, code enforcement, and repurpose vacant structures. Jason then highlighted past guest speakers, including Buildings and Safety, UW Extension, Couleecap regarding homelessness, Parks and Recreation, Neighborhood Resource Officers, Community Development staff regarding housing, and others. Jason also highlighted the various partnering organizations including La Crosse Neighborhood Development Corporation, Neighborhood Association Leadership Group, La Crosse Neighborhoods Incorporated, Joint Development Corporation, La Crosse Housing Rehabilitation Committee (merging with the CDBG Committee and will be called Community Development Committee), City of La Crosse departments/resources (NROs, Community Development, Planning and Development, Engineering/Parks/Planning-Capital Improvement Program, Parks and Recreation), other P-5 Partners (La Crosse Promise, CouleeCap, Habitat for Humanity, La Crosse County Social Services, Realtors and Landlords Associations, La Crosse Area Chamber of Commerce) and the neighborhood associations (Goosetown, Grandview Emerson, Bluffsides, Holy Trinity Longfellow, Washburn, Powell Poage Hamilton, Weigent Hogan, Clayton Johnson Springbrook, Lower Northside Depot, Logan Northside, Hintgen (forming), and Downtown (forming)). Jason distributed an Urban Land Institute resource "Involving the Community in Neighborhood Planning". Lastly, Jason noted trends such as urban housing needs-identification of transit oriented nodes; corridor planning (neighborhood node development); the return of neighborhood businesses-flex-work, zoning change, walkability; and real estate investment funds-workforce housing needs, community reinvestment.*

*The commission then discussed the current action plan, noting that it would be helpful to do another action planning workshop session to clean up the document, remove action items that have been completed, change action items that have evolved, identify partners and identify new topics.*

## **Next Meeting Date/Agenda Items**

*The next meeting is July 3, 2017. The agenda will include an action planning workshop session. Commissioners are asked to prepare what policy areas they would like to focus on; transportation, budget and neighborhood assets were preliminarily identified. Planning staff will invite finance staff to attend to discuss budget process.*

## **Adjournment**

**A motion was made by Welch, seconded by Bagniewski, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 8-0 by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 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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