



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes

Neighborhood Revitalization Commission

Monday, September 11, 2017

6:00 PM

3rd Floor Conference Room

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Kabat at 6:01 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: 9 - Tim Kabat, Barb Janssen, Steve Nicoli, Jennifer Trost, Angela Manke, Will Kratt, Charles Welch, Courtney Lokken, Jim Bagniewski

Excused: 2 - Vacant 1, Ralph Geary

Others present: CM Marshall, Jason Gilman, Tim Acklin, Sara Olson.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Lokken, seconded by Kratt, to approve the July 3, 2017 and July 31, 2017 meeting minutes. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Agenda Items:

1. [17-1245](#) Review draft statement of support of AB-201

Attachments: [Draft Statement NRCVulnerableUsers](#)

A motion was made by Welch, seconded by Manke, to adopt the statement of support of AB-201 and direct staff to facilitate sending to legislators. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

2. [17-1246](#) Revisiting the City of La Crosse Housing Task Force Plan

Jason Gilman questioned if the NRC was familiar with the Housing Task Force Plan and if they'd be interested in integrating it with the strategic plan. The commission agreed this should be on the next agenda. Several years ago there was a single family conversion committee and the city put a moratorium on any new rental properties. The state then put a stop to rental inspection. Gilman briefly reviewed our rental numbers vs. state averages vs. comprehensive plan. He noted this is a good fit with the NRC because no other group is currently working on this.

Jason will send the single family report and housing task force plan to the NRC, as well as an update on the Winona rental housing issue.

3. [17-1247](#) Update on Sustainable La Crosse Commission

Jason Gilman and Mayor Kabat reviewed the City of La Crosse/County of La Crosse Sustainability Indicators 2016 Report. They noted the CO2 graph, which shows a 33% decrease since 2008 of electricity, natural gas and vehicle fuels. They highlighted Xcel's graph of how power is generated in 2008 vs. 2016. Some goals include a 25% reduction by 2025, increased recycling participation, and participating in the National Clean Energy Pledge. The city can encourage Xcel to convert alley lights to LED. The taxpayer money saved because of such changes could be significant. Also in the report, they noted MTU ridership has decreased. There is also a 10% decrease in water usage, noting our landscaping style contributes to water waste. There is room for improvement in landfill waste and construction waste. Because of our conversion to single stream recycling, there has been a 119% increase in recycling. Gilman lastly noted we have a new environmental sustainability planner starting soon.

4. [17-0848](#) Action Plan Workshop Session, facilitated by Jason Gilman

Attachments: [2017 NRC Action Plan draft in progress](#)
 [Action Plan Responses July 2017](#)

Jason Gilman facilitated the next phase of the NRC workplan, highlighting the three to five items that rose to the top in each category. The commission split into three groups of three. Gilman directed each group to determine strategies/action steps to complete each goal. Staff will compile this for the next meeting.

5. **Announcements**

Chuck has been given Facebook Admin access. Social media strategy will be an agenda item next month.

*-Jim - Bluffside is moving forward with the enclosed shelter
-Angie - PPH is continuing efforts with the Free Little Pantry
-Barb - GENA is having boulevard trees planted this fall and contact Barb if interested in volunteering at Food Forest
-Courtney - no updates on Washburn
-Courtney - there is an emerging Downtown NA info meeting on Oct. 25 at 6 p.m., location TBD; also working with Jay Odegaard to draft a playground design for Burns Park
-Chuck - no updates on Weigent
-Will - no updates on LNDC
-Jennifer - no updates on Holy Trinity
-Steve - the Apt. Assoc. has a new logo coming soon*

Next Meeting Date/Agenda Items

*The next meeting is October 2nd. Agenda items include:
-Housing Task Force Plan -NRC Strategic Plan
-Workplan matrix
-Social media strategy*

- Case study template & Logan NA example
- NA Announcements

In November or December, invite Jim Flottmeyer back for updates on neighborhood parking benefit districts and license plate readers.

Adjournment

**A motion was made by Welch, seconded by Manke, to adjourn the meeting.
The motion carried by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 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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