



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes

Neighborhood Revitalization Commission

Monday, February 26, 2018

6:00 PM

3rd Floor Conference Room

Call to Order

Mayor Kabat called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

Roll Call

Present: 10 - Tim Kabat, Barb Janssen, Steve Nicoli, Ralph Geary, Jennifer Trost, Angela Manke, Charles Welch, Courtney Lokken, Jim Bagniewski, Nora Garland

Absent: 1 - Will Kratt

Approval of Minutes

Janssen made a motion, Manke seconded, to approve the minutes. The motion carried by a voice vote.

Agenda Items:

1 [17-0848](#) Update on 2018 Action Plan

Attachments: [2017 NRC Action Plan](#)
 [Action Plan Responses July 2017](#)
 [Workshop PowerPoint 9-11-2017](#)
 [DRAFT 2018 Action Plan with top 5 final scoring](#)

No updates on land use policy statement, parking regulations, or expert consultation for those policies. Garland, Lokken, and Bagniewski can update NRC next month on intern work plan. Staff is working on draft concepts for incentives programs.

2 [17-1719](#) Update on neighborhood public informational meetings regarding the redesign/reconstruction of Jackson St and State Road.

Attachments: [BPW approved typical section](#)
 [Overview map with parking](#)
 [PPH plan typical section](#)
 [WisDOT typical sections](#)

Manke gave update about meeting; next one 3/6. Some commissioners still had questions about parking and bike lanes, but all work will be within the right-of-way. Planning staff mailed out notices. All adjacent neighborhoods discussed the project at

their individual meetings. This item should come back to the April agenda and commission can make a recommendation to the Common Council.

3 [18-0025](#)

GIS Analysis of Distressed Property and Zoning Strategies

Staff was unavailable to give update on GIS project.

4 [17-1416](#)

Commissioner Announcements

Janssen announced project to bring food forests into front yards with training and support. Nicoli announced future classes to enhance rental management. Geary signed up to Organic Valley newsletter to stay up to date on their e-waste collection. Welch is working through capital improvement program proposals and will continue process of narrowing down request. Lokken announced Washburn Garden Expo on 3/2, little free pantry, Cass St. design review (next meeting 3/12 at 4 pm), launch of downtown steering committee, and Burns Park planning. Garland announced citizen-led process to establish multi-use trail in Myrick Park and name of new apartments on Campbell Rd. Manke announced review of campus-neighborhood plan, planning for basketball court placement, and closing of skate for kids for the season. CM Ostrem announced CIP request for paint and fix-up program using TIF. Jacob Sciammas announced La Crosse Neighborhoods, Inc. elections at their next meeting.

5 [18-0313](#)

Discussion on Earth Fair vendor booth

NRC has not tabled in the past, but has done so at other events.

No action taken.

6 Questions to the NRC from the All Neighborhood Leaders Group

- *Can staff provide consistent information and communication?*
- *Can staff clarify role to so associations know what to expect?*
- *What is the process for funding mailing (i.e. how split among associations)?*
- *How can one get on NRC agenda? Agenda item requests should go to NRC staff*
- *Does NRC have a budget? No, except for mailings; Kabat suggested NRC could make operating budget request in July; Garland suggested operating budget could be used for or requested by intern; Trost asked what money would be used for; Garland cited examples of spending for Rochester neighborhoods.*
- *How does NRC affects policy and weigh in on legislation?*
- *Will awards be given when there isn't a Mayor's expo?*
- *Can staff explain what the NRC does at the fall all-neighborhoods meeting?*

Adjournment

Welch made a motion, Garland seconded, that the meeting be adjourned at 7:04 pm. The motion carried by a voice vote.

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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