



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes

Floodplain Advisory Committee

Wednesday, February 28, 2018

5:15 PM

3rd Floor Conference Room

Call to Order

Richmond called the meeting to order at 5:16 pm.

Roll Call

Present: 6 - Richard Becker, Andrea Richmond, Barb Janssen, Gary Padesky, Bill Bosshard, Sara Strassman

Excused: 1 - Scott Neumeister

Approval of Minutes

Correct spelling of Padesky and Janssen.

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

Notices and Discussions

Staff received 107 physical Ebner Coulee surveys.

Agenda Items:

1 [18-0321](#) Presentation - Rick Hamilton

Attachments: [Handouts](#)

Hamilton talked about lobbying Congress and suggests now is the best time. House passed 21st Century Flood Reform Act (HR. 2875). SAFE NFIP Reauthorization Act (S. 1368) is still in Senate committee. Houses built before 1975 in the floodplain qualified for subsidized premiums, but are now seeing increases. Hamilton thinks there should be a way for these property owners to opt out of NFIP requirements. Bosshart asked for something in writing the Commission can take action on. Hamilton also recommended channelizing Mississippi River. There are many logistical concerns about that, including cost, adverse impacts downstream, and character of the riverfront. Padesky asked what effect channelization had for Pammel Creek.

2 [18-0322](#) Elevation Certificate Survey and Mapping Update - Doug Kerns

Kerns shared Strassman's suggestion to create a map that includes property values

and depth in the floodplain. Richmond requested map be publicly available. Kerns also addressed misconception about FEMA letters. Richmond suggested holding off on doing elevation certificates for properties that were more than three feet deep in the floodplain. Janssen asked what the long term plan was. Bosshart had spoken with Planning Director about cost of mitigation. Padesky asked if a resolution was necessary to prioritize surveying order. Staff just needs direction. Janssen asked about justification of prioritization. The intent of the surveying is large-scale mitigation, not individual mitigation.

Next Meeting Date / Agenda Items

The next meeting will be 4/4. Possible agenda items may include prioritizing elevation certificate survey order and reporting back on Ebner Coulee survey results.

Adjournment

**Becker made a motion, Padesky seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 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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