



# City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall  
400 La Crosse Street  
La Crosse, WI 54601

## Meeting Minutes - Final

### Heritage Preservation Commission

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Thursday, March 15, 2018

6:00 PM

3rd Floor Conference Room

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#### Call to Order

*The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm.*

**Present:** 6 - Charles Clemence, Jessica Olson, Chris Kahlow, Ariel Beaujot, Daniel Manke, David Riel

**Excused:** 1 - Terence R. Collins

#### Agenda Items:

1. [18-0409](#) Request of EBI Consulting to review proposed plans for a telecommunication facility located at 929 Jackson Street and provide comment as part of the Section 106 process.

*Staff provided an overview of the proposed project with the Commission. Charles Clemence moved to direct staff to send a letter to EBI Consulting stating that the Commission determined that there would be no adverse impact to any historic resources. David Riel seconded. The motion passed 6-0.*

2. [18-0411](#) Review of a Certificate of Recommendation for the property located at 514 State Street. (Thill & Lapitz Building)

*Marcus Zettler provided an overview of the project for the Commission. Charles Clemence asked how the stucco was going to be removed. Marcus explained the process. David Riel asked if the cast iron columns would remain. Marcus stated that they were. Ariel Beaujot asked who the tenants would be. Marcus stated that the upstairs would be apartments and the owner would white box the retail space for a future tenant. Charles Clemence expressed his gratitude to the owner for making the investment and declared this project a potential success story. Charles then stated that he would be interested in how all of the Downtown revitalization has increased its value. Chris Kahlow moved to approve the Certificate of Recommendation. Dan Manke seconded. The motion passed 6-0.*

3. Update on the appeal of the Heritage Preservation Commission's decision for 308 Main Street.

*Jessica Olson provided an update to the Commission on the outcome of the appeal of the Commission's decision for 308 Main Street. No action was taken on this item.*

4. Discussion on the appeal process associated with the Historic District Design Standard review and ordinance.

*Jessica Olson stated to the Commission that she would like to amend the Common Council process so that appeals of Heritage Preservation Commission decisions are introduced and acted upon in the same manner as all other pieces of Legislation. She would also like to require that all of the owners in the historic districts are notified of the appeal. She would also like to amend the process to provides a time frame on when an applicant can bring back the same application to the Commission for action if it has been denied before. Chris Kahlow stated that she would like the appeals to go to the Standing Committees also. Staff stated that they would take all of the ideas and work with other City staff on making the amendments. Ariel Beaujot moved to direct staff to work with City staff on amending the appeal process for timing and to send letters to all of the property owners and to limit reapplying to 12 months. Dan Manke seconded. The motion passed 6-0.*

5. Update on the 10th & Cass Street Historic District ornamental lighting.

*Jessica Olson provided an update from the Board of Public Works meeting. She stated that the design was approved but that there was still a discussion on height. She also stated that City staff cited a height requirement in the Municipal Code. They also stated that the bulb is not easily interchangeable. Chris Kahlow moved to open a public hearing. Ariel Beaujot seconded. The motion passed 6-0. Courtney Lokken stated that she attend the February public meeting on the Cass Street project and assisted the Engineering with finding a lighting design that fits in the historic district with modern technology. She stated that height was a concern from the nearby homes as they were worried about light shining in their windows. Courtney also added that their is documented outcry from other neighborhoods in other cities regarding this same concern. Marcus Zettler asked if there was an option for glass to reduce the glare. Courtney stated that there was. Jessica Olson stated that the standard cited by the Engineering Department refer to the spectrum of light. This standards is not attractive lighting and may deter future buyers. David Riel had the same question about using a lens in the light fixture. It would add aesthetic value and keep bird nests out. Courtney stated that they were still putting together options. She also stated that the other concern that has come up is the total number of lights being proposed which is 46. It was felt that this was too many when currently there is 6. Charles Clemence stated that if the neighbors feel safe with lower levels then let them weigh in. Should be different standards for historic districts. Chris Kahlow stated that there is not a standard for historic districts and there should be. Jessica Olson suggested that she keep moving forward with working with Engineering Department on different standards for historic districts. The Commission agreed.*

6. Update on the Intensive Historic and Architectural Survey Project.

*Staff provided an update on the survey and stated that the consultant will attend the April meeting to provide additional updates. No action was taken on this item.*

7. 2018 Heritage Preservation Commission Action Plan development.

*This item was referred to the April Meeting.*

## Adjournment

*Chris Kahlow moved to adjourn the meeting. Charles Clemence seconded. The motion passed 6-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm.*

*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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