



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes

Community Development Committee

Tuesday, June 25, 2019

4:00 PM

3rd Floor Conference Room

Special Meeting

Call to Order

Mayor Kabat called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

Roll Call

Others present include: Caroline Gregerson, Jason Gilman, Tara Fitzgerald, Kevin Clements, Kevin Conroy, Dawn Reinhart, Kim Cable, Ashley Lacenski, Hetti Brown, Isaac Hoffman, and Jamie Korn.

Present: 7 - Tim Kabat, Barb Janssen, Linda Lee, Mike Lemmon, Adam Hatfield, Phillip A. Ostrem, Elaine Yager

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Lee, second by Janssen to APPROVE the previous meeting minutes. The motion carried by voice vote.

Agenda Items:

1. Presentation of 2018 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER).

Caroline Gregerson gave a presentation on the report for 2018.

2. Public Hearing on 2018 CAPER.

Mayor Kabat opened the floor for questions from the committee members first. Ostrem asked if Gregerson had strategies to improve the number for affordable housing. Gregerson stated that the City relies a lot on tax credits and she plans to talk with WHEDA. Gregerson stated that she had some concerns about the Rivoli project as there was some staffing changes and they have a small gap in funding. Gregerson also stated that they are looking for someone else to take over the project due to the staffing change. Yager said that she wanted to thank Gregerson and other staff for all the things they are doing around the community. Mayor Kabat stated that it would be interesting to see data on

housing from years further back than 2015 as well. Lemmon asked about the time frame of the data Gregerson presented. She stated that it was all from this year, April 1, 2018 to March 31, 2019. Lemmon stated that the data on organizations that missed their goal was just a small view of what they are doing and suggested that they not view this as a bad thing. Hatfield asked if there were benchmark to compare against other cities. Gregerson stated it is hard to compare with other cities because each city uses the funds a little differently. She stated usually every city has at least a Housing Rehab program but not many touch affordable housing. Gregerson stated that even with the work they have done, the need for housing is still there. Hatfield stated if Gregerson gets the opportunity to share this information more than locally or regionally, she should take the opportunity. Mayor Kabat opened the floor to the audience to make comments. Kim Cable stated that although the shelter didn't reach it's goals, people should view this as a good thing because it means they are doing a good job and the need for the shelter is decreasing. She states that they should view this as positive because it will free up resources to prevent homelessness and they will be able to flip funds to be more preventive measures.

3. [19-0921](#) Adopt and file the 2018 CAPER.

Attachments: [CAPER2019.pdf](#)
 [CAPER full report](#)

A motion made by Yager, second by Ostrem to ADOPT and file the CAPER. The motion carried by voice vote.

Establish date/time for tour of tear downs: 1332 Caledonia/2918 21st Terrace S

Gregerson asked if there was interest in seeing homes before they are torn down. She stated they would start at 1332 Caledonia and then move to 2918 21st Terrace. Kabat reminded Gregerson to make sure she notices as a meeting and opened the tours up to those in the audience and Council Members. The torn will be two weeks after the July 9th meeting at 4 pm.

Adjournment

A motion by Hatfield, second by Ostrem, to ADJOURN. The motion carried by voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 4:39 PM.

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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