



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes - Final

Safe Routes to School Plan Steering Committee

Monday, January 13, 2020

8:30 AM

Third Floor Conference Room City Hall

Call to Order

Chairperson Lee called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

Roll Call

Present: 7 - Jackie Eastwood, Linda Lee, Jack Zabrowski, Tom Walsh, Larry Sleznikow, Jim Longhurst, Josh Larson

Excused: 3 - Matt Gallager, Virginia Loehr, Michael Freybler

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Eastwood, seconded by Longhurst, that the minutes from November be approved. The motion carried by voice vote.

Agenda Items:

[20-0095](#)

Review of the City of La Crosse Code of Ethics

Attachments: [Code of Ethics - City of La Crosse 2020.pdf](#)

The Committee Chairperson Linda Lee asked the committee if they read and understood the City of La Crosse Code of Ethics, she then signed as Chairperson for the committee.

[20-0075](#)

Existing Plans, Policies, and Programs Relating to SRTS in La Crosse -
Sonia Haeckel - Toole Design

Attachments: [Memo 1 existing plans programs policies 20200107.docx](#)
[Appendix A 2019-2021 LCHD SRTS mini-grant Application.doc](#)

Sonia from Toole Design presented the attached Existing Conditions Memo and requested comments and feedback from the committee, and members not present to take the opportunity to provide written feedback to her at any time. A committee member inquired if there were pre-timed ped cycles in the 2012 Bike-Ped Master plan. Another member inquired this plan should address items that are completed/ not completed from the last SRTS plan? Chairperson Lee added if those items not completed were still relevant in the new plan? Sonia listed the plans/studies they reviewed to compose the existing conditions as listed in the attached memo document. Jackie Eastwood mentioned that the WI DOT has delayed their Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) projects on the West Ave corridor until 2021. Sonia Requested that the City and Committee should establish a hierarchy of modes of transportation in regards to our Complete Streets policy. For example; which mode takes priority in a given corridor, bicycles or transit, as one has to be sacrificed to accommodate the other. Sonia mentioned she was impressed with the traffic calming in La Crosse, median islands are effective size, traffic circles are well designed and reasonable. Jackie Eastwood mentioned that the City of La Crosse is working on and ADA transition plan. Sonia mentioned the need for sustained educational activities, recurring contact instead of one off bike rodeo events. Jack Zabrowski mentioned the success of middle school bike clubs as a means to educate middle schoolers about bicycle safety. Sonia mentioned the high concentration of crossing guards at several schools. Officer Walsh stated this was due to the high number of children walking to these schools. Sonia stated that they will be combining schools which are geographically near each other and will submit these combinations to the committee for approval. Sonia stated that the Existing Conditions report will be complete next month.

[20-0076](#)

Public Involvement Meeting #2

Staff requested committee input on strategies to gain greater public involvement in the plan, as working parents with children might not be able to attend an evening meeting. Staff and the committee discussed possible strategies; PTO/PTA, parent survey tool to gather feedback, video presentation that could be customized to each neighborhood. Staff suggested a webpage for entire plan with links to specific pieces of plan and another link to provide feedback through survey tools.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Sleznikow, seconded by Walsh, that this meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by 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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