

City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

*City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601*



Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday, October 13, 2020

4:00 PM

See call-in information in agenda

Lifesize

Community Development Committee

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Call to Order

This meeting was called to order at 4:02.

Roll Call

Present: 6 - Tim Kabat, Barb Janssen, Mike Lemmon, Adam Hatfield, Phillip A. Ostrem, Elaine Yager
Excused: 1 - Linda Lee

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Yager, that these minutes be approved. The motion carried by voice vote.

Agenda Items:

- 1 **20-1283** Resolution on Housing Renovation Program for Downtown and Washburn Neighborhoods
 ..Fiscal Note
 \$150,000.00 TID 11 Cash

Attachments: Resolution authorizing funds for Housing Renovation.docx
 Staff Report
 2020_Housing Renovation Guidelines-Downtown Washburn.docx

Table defining owner occupancy (college students, for example)

*If this is open city wide, is there a hierarchy for accepting applications?
- Do not currently have a priority. The committee can amend the guidelines at any time.*

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Yager, that this Resolution be APPROVED AS AMENDED . The motion carried by voice vote.

- 2 [20-1441](#) Action on sale of 2918 21st Terrace St S

Attachments: [Underwriting2918 21stTer.pdf](#)
 [Action.Sale of 2918 21stTerr.docx](#)

Approve the sale contingent on completing a home-buyer education course.

*Provide strategies for clients that cannot meet the back-end ratio.
- Recommended credit counselors or mortgage lenders to improve their score and lower debt.*

Accept the first offer that adheres to all requirements.

*Establish procedure/standard for these projects (put into writing)
- all else being equal, we accept these offers
- order received, requirements met
- clarify what counts as a submission
- application with completed supporting documentation*

Offer number 2 as a first choice and offer number 3 as an alternate.

A motion was made by Ostrem, seconded by Yager, that this General Item be APPROVED . The motion carried by voice vote.

3 [20-1442](#) Action on acquisition of 2102 Prospect St

Attachments: [2102 Prospect St](#)

Committee encourages proposals to be a slab-on-grade or a crawl-space

Staff to make changes, if possible, so houses do not need to appeal to the zoning board.

Possibly amend the zoning codes for setbacks.

Proposed legislation about standardizing evaluation.

A motion was made by Ostrem, seconded by Janssen, that this General Item be APPROVED . The motion carried by voice vote.

4 [20-1443](#) Action on acquisition of 1223 9th St

Attachments: [1223 9th St](#)

Ostrem voted no.

A motion was made by Yager, seconded by Janssen, that this General Item be APPROVED . The motion carried by voice vote.

5 [20-1444](#) Extension request for completion of 1121 Avon St Habitat for Humanity new construction

Attachments: [1121 Avon St](#)

A motion was made by Ostrem, seconded by Janssen, that this General Item be APPROVED . The motion carried by voice vote.

6 [20-1445](#) Approval of housing rehabilitation loan for Applicant # 130520

Attachments: [Board Summary 130520](#)

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Yager, that this General Item be

APPROVED . The motion carried by voice vote.

- 7 [20-1446](#) Approval of loan amount increase of \$4550 for applicant # Reno2420

Attachments: [Reno 2420](#)

A motion was made by Yager, seconded by Janssen, that this General Item be APPROVED . The motion carried by voice vote.

- 8 [20-1447](#) Discussion on current needs assessment

Attachments: [Current Needs Assessment.docx](#)

Wait to meet with the county to see how we can collaborate.

Staff recommends addressing either homelessness, testing and health care, or the economy.

Concerns with waiting...

- many businesses are struggling to hang on so it is important to act quickly to promote and support them

-Hesitant to give money to businesses that will not adapt their business plans

-homeless situation and contact tracing/testing are important

Staff put together a list of options for next meeting to make choices then.

Hold a meeting in two weeks to make a decision.

- 9 [20-1458](#) Approval of subordination request for housing rehab client #123416

Attachments: [10-20 Subordination Request HRP Client 123416 .docx](#)

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Yager, that this General Item be APPROVED . The motion carried by voice vote.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Ostrem, seconded by Janssen, that this meeting be adjourned at 5:42pm. 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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