



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes

City of La Crosse Racial Equity Team

Wednesday, June 30, 2021

1:00 PM

Video Conference

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Call to Order

Erin Duffer called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Others present: Majel Hein, Julie McDermid, Chauncy Turner, Mitch Reynolds.

Present: 7 - Joe Smith, Jared Flick, Erin Duffer, Gwendolyn Benish, Dawn Wacek, Bee Xiong, Tim Koterwski

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Gwendolyn Benish, seconded by Tim Koterwski to approve the minutes. Passed.

Agenda Items:

- 1 [21-0972](#) Discussion and story gathering with Chauncy Turner, Chair of the Human Rights Commission.

 What has the HRC worked on over last few years – focus most recently:
 -Developing the strategic plan, getting word out about the HRC
 -Hear complaints about discrimination, a lot of housing issues
 -How can the RET and HRC collaborate?
 -HRC can be an advisor and a source of training
 -Tracy Littlejohn could be a resource as well
 -Trying to create an equitable community
 -Trying to find ways to make ourselves available to the community and to be a resource

- 2 [21-0973](#) Discussion and story gathering with Majel Hein from Marine Credit Union.

 * Marine Credit Union Foundation *

Powerpoint presentation by Majel. Equity/inclusion conversations over the past 4 years. CDBG funds to increase home ownership diversity in La Crosse. Discussed information on Finding Home program.

3 [21-0974](#)

Update on research of grant funding.

Reaching out to other communities to see what they offer for equity positions – all different departments. No funding for the City. City needs full time staff position; difficult for us to take away from our FT positions to dedicate the time necessary for this team.

4 [21-0975](#)

Discussion on future agenda items.

How to secure funding. Advocating for policy changes. Focus on city resources and making sure they are available to everyone in the community. Small things the group can focus on to make equitable changes.

Adjournment

Motion by Tim, seconded by Dawn to adjourn the meeting at 2:35 p.m.

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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