

**CITY OF LA CROSSE, WISCONSIN
CITY PLAN COMMISSION
REPORT
October 2, 2017**

➤ **AGENDA ITEM – 17-1298 (Tim Acklin)**

Resolution approving Western Technical College institutional campus master plan.

➤ **ROUTING:** J&A

➤ **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

In August 1995 the Common Council approved a Resolution requesting the educational and medical institutions to submit a 10-year master plan for their campus in order for the City to be aware of their anticipated/desired future growth and recognize their campus boundary. This effort would also assist the Planning Department in their review of land use requests for CUPs and rezonings by those institutions when making a recommendation to the City Plan Commission, particularly if this request occurred within, or outside their boundary.

All of the institutions submitted master plans in some form for approval by the City, but none have submitted a recent plan that has been adopted by the Common Council.

Recently Western Technical College requested a Conditional Use Permit to demolish several buildings for green space in the short term, future development in the long term. These properties were not in their most recent campus plan that the Planning Department has on file and requested that the submittal of an updated plan be submitted to the City as a condition of the Conditional Use Permit.

The most recent plan for WTC that the Planning Department has on file is from 2002.

➤ **GENERAL LOCATION:**

WTC Campus

➤ **RECOMMENDATION OF OTHER BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:**

N/A

➤ **CONSISTENCY WITH ADOPTED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:**

Requiring master plans from our major institutions is major objective in the Land Use Element of the City's Comprehensive Plan.

➤ **PLANNING RECOMMENDATION:**

The proposed boundary does include several areas that were not part of their 202 campus plan. WTC has stated that their revised boundary reflects a more efficient parking plan for their campus, completion of several projects and the removal of several buildings as part of their referendum projects, and future plans to relocate education facilities on other parts of the City to the main campus. The proposed areas for inclusion include:

- 1) The WTC dorm
- 2) The rest of the block that is bounded by Pine, 8th, Vine, & 9th Streets.
- 3) Parcel located on 6th Street N just west of the Horticulture Center

The proposed additions to their campus boundary are immediately adjacent to their existing boundary and allow them to more efficiently manage their campus growth and relocate other educational facilities that could make that land available for taxable redevelopment. **This Resolution is recommended for approval.**