



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes

Floodplain Advisory Committee

Wednesday, June 19, 2019

4:30 PM

3rd Floor Conference Room

Special Meeting

Call to Order

Richmond called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

Roll Call

Present: 6 - Richard Becker, Andrea Richmond, Scott Neumeister, Barb Janssen, Gary Padesky, Sara Strassman
Excused: 1 - Bill Bosshard

Approval of Minutes

Becker made a motion to approve the minutes; Padesky seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

Agenda Items:

[19-0900](#)

Request for financial assistance - Craig & Stacy Masters, 314 Avon St.

Attachments: [Property Owner Letter](#)
[Badger Basement Letter](#)

Duplex at 314 Liberty St. is 5 ft. below base flood elevation and pumping water out of basement, compromising structural integrity. Structure doesn't qualify for floodplain relief program as is; filling basement could make it more compliant, but likely wouldn't be fully compliant or get a letter of map revision.

Neumeister expressed concern about landlords knowingly buying investment property in the floodplain taking advantage of the program. Gilman proposed condition to work with City on relocation or acquisition if property is identified for such in the Flood Hazard Mitigation Plan; applicant open to acquisition. Property value would likely not change due to loss of area and decrease in liability.

Janssen made a motion to grant Masters 90% of cost up to \$10,000 on the condition to allow for future redevelopment; Padesky seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

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Discuss Changes to Requirements of Floodplain Relief Program

Attachments: [Resolution Creating Floodplain Relief Program](#)
 [Amendment Memo](#)

Gilman reviewed results of compression planning and feedback from Stacy Masters and Karla Doolittle. Grant amount isn't enough to make an impact on costs of elevation and committee could consider raising amount; could be based on home value.

Janssen made motion to request the creation of a full-time floodplain manager position to manage the floodplain relief program; Neumeister seconde. The motion carried by a voice vote.

Adjournment

Becker made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:59 pm; Padesky seconded. The motion carried by a 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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