



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes

Floodplain Advisory Committee

Wednesday, November 7, 2018

5:00 PM

3rd Floor Conference Room

Call to Order

Richmond called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

Roll Call

Strassman arrived after roll call, during agenda item #1; Janssen arrived after roll call, during agenda item #2.

Present: 5 - Richard Becker, Andrea Richmond, Scott Neumeister, Gary Padesky, Bill Bosshard

Absent: 2 - Barb Janssen, Sara Strassman

Approval of Minutes

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

Agenda Items:

- 1 [18-1234](#) Ebner Coulee Floodplain Study Update - Bernie Lenz

Attachments: [Oct '18 LOMR Proposal](#)
[Sep '18 DNR Response Letter](#)
[Aug '18 Letter on Flow Calibration](#)

Lenz provided overview of proposal attached to legislation. Padesky commented that it is important to do both sides of Farnam; asked about timeline (on page 4 of proposal). Bosshard appreciates Lenz's work and the inclusion of storm sewer system in the study. DNR does not also requires study of Pammel Creek. Committee asked for periodic updates from Lenz on study status.

Padesky made a motion to approve SEH's proposal; Becker seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

- 2 [18-1518](#) Community Development Committee Update

Attachments: [Memo](#)

Dawn Reinhart summarized attached memo. Charles St. acquisitions may require alley

vacation to connect to land outside of the floodplain. 2502 Onalaska Ave would have to work with neighbor to connect to land outside floodplain. Landowners could ask for variance, but DNR monitors those and could count them against La Crosse's NFIP status.

3 [18-1512](#) Update on Flood Hazard Mitigation Plan Funding

Army Corps expects to receive \$50k in December to begin Flood Hazard Mitigation Plan; work will most consist of data gathering and identifying alternatives. Staff intends to apply for planning grant from WI Emergency Management to continue planning process, getting into specifics of alternatives.

4 [18-1486](#) Floodplain Relief Program Evaluation - Strassman

Strassman recommended developing a vision that for identify properties for acquisition. Padesky and Neumeister spoke in favor. Bosshard concurred that a citywide plan can be daunting, but is necessary. Strassman added that including stormwater and climate change as considerations were important.

Strassman suggested bringing in experts to talk about different approaches, such as a flood vent vendor who can run scenarios of implementing vents to reduce insurance. Bosshard suggested a flood insurance expert to help homeowners fill out flood insurance and understand coverage.

Adjournment

The next meeting will be 12/5 @ 5pm, 3rd Floor Conference Room.

**Padesky made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:04 pm; Becker 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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