



# City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall  
400 La Crosse Street  
La Crosse, WI 54601

## Meeting Minutes

### Floodplain Advisory Committee

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Thursday, September 6, 2018

4:30 PM

3rd Floor Conference Room

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#### Call to Order

Richmond called the meeting to order 4:31 pm.

#### Roll Call

Becker arrived at 4:51 pm.

**Present:** 7 - Richard Becker, Andrea Richmond, Scott Neumeister, Barb Janssen, Gary Padesky, Bill Bosshard, Sara Strassman

#### Approval of Minutes

Neumeister made a motion to approve August 2nd's minutes. Janssen seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

#### Agenda Items:

- 1 [18-1234](#) Ebner Coulee Floodplain Study Update  
  
**Attachments:** [Aug '18 Letter on Flow Calibration](#)  
  
*Staff provided update. Bernie Lenz reminded board that letter's purpose is to get approval for methodology. Committee requested notification when staff received response from Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Neumeister requested funding for continuing the study in the 2019-2023 Capital Improvement Program (CIP); no resolution unless drawing from different funds. Also, Bosshart thanked City for keeping bulkhead clear during storm events. Richmond mentioned FEMA will reimburse up to 2 years of flood insurance payments if study shows home is no longer in floodplain.*
  
- 2 [18-1231](#) Elevation Certificate Surveying Program Progress Report - Doug Kerns  
  
*Jason Gilman shared results of staff meeting on elevation certificate (EC) surveying project management. Engineering will manage the project for the rest of 2018 funding. The Base Flood Elevation (BFE) is in the Flood Insurance Study (FIS) and Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM). The Information Services Department is in charge of uploading ECs. Physical document is mailed to homeowner, PDF is on server. Doug Kerns demonstrated new search function on Floodplain Inventory Map; reiterated intent of project is for data gathering for Flood Mitigation Study; will request pricing for updating EC's after the study is complete. There is approximate \$20k left to do about 104 homes.*

**3**     [18-1232](#)     Floodplain Relief Program Update - Jason Gilman

*Gilman met with residents and lenders; discovered even with \$20k grant, getting out of the floodplain is cost prohibitive; banks suggested continued education. Gilman suggested alternatives uses for program funding, including buying out floodplain property and larger grants for multiple-family housing. Staff is meeting with Wisconsin Emergency Management to discuss possible grant applications and using program funding as local share.*

**Padesky made a motion to approve Gilman's request to revise proposal for Floodplain Relief Program. Becker seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.**

**4**     [18-1230](#)     Floodplain Relief Grant Application for 2422 Onalaska Ave.

**Attachments:**     [Application](#)

*Gilman explained applicant has a project similar to Rowe's and Cherf's successful applications, a demolition and rebuild. Richmond informed committee of inspection issues.*

**Neumeister made a motion to refer this application for 60 days. Becker seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.**

**Next Meeting / Agenda Items**

**Becker made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:41 pm. Padesky seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.**

**Adjournment**

*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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