



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes - Final

Neighborhood Revitalization Commission

Monday, May 3, 2021

6:00 PM

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Call to Order

This meeting was called to order by Mayor Reynolds at 6PM.

Roll Call

Present: 6 - Linda Lee, Ralph Geary, Will Kratt, Nora Garland, Janet Allen, Mitch Reynolds

Excused: 2 - Jim Bagniewski, Larry Sleznikow

Absent: 1 - Steve Nicolai

Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of the March 29, 2021 Meeting Minutes.

Motion made by Lee, seconded by Woodard, that the minutes be approved.

Motion passed by voice vote.

Agenda Items

2. [21-0456](#) Draft Ordinance to Eliminate Off-Street Parking Requirements.

Tim Acklin provided an update on the takeaways from neighborhood meetings and interviews, as well as staff recommendation for moving forward.

Overall, a reduction in single-occupancy vehicle trips, a lot of concerns expressed over the data in the parking study, general support for policy change, but people felt that it should be in conjunction with other policy

implementations to improve the public transportation system and be used with other parking policies that are instituted by parking utility. Many were also opposed to eliminating the 1:1 ratio for multifamily completely, but rather in support of reducing it. Comments and feedback corresponded directly with geographic locations of the neighborhood associations. Neighborhood associations that are closer to downtown and institutions stated that their streets are overcrowded and people already park further away from where they live. Neighborhood associations that are on the periphery of the City stated they were supportive of the idea, but overly cautious.

Staff's recommendation is that the parking study should not be used moving forward for any decision. Also, if the NRC wants to pursue this change, the ratio for multifamily should be reduced from 1:1 to something lower instead. For example, 0.8:1 or 0.6:1. A boundary in the City could be established where ratio could differ. Lastly, should the ordinance be submitted to Council in its current form, there is enough opposition to prevent any implementation moving forward. A compromise is encouraged.

Nora Garland moved to bring the ordinance back with some revisions to include the neighborhood comments. Chris Woodard seconded. The motion passed 9-0.

3. Future Agenda Items/Speakers.

Geary requested MTU have a conversation with the NRC about expanding services. Lee requested a future agenda item discuss the Kmart site.

No action taken on this item.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Kratt, seconded by Woodard. Meeting adjourned at 7:08PM.

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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