



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes

Floodplain Advisory Committee

Thursday, March 7, 2019

4:30 PM

5th Floor Conference Room

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, Bill Bosshard, Sara Strassman

Excused: 1 - Gary Padesky

Approval of Minutes

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

Agenda Items:

- 1 [19-0142](#) Accept Code of Ethics

Attachments: [Code of Ethics](#)
[Certification Sheet](#)

- 2 [18-1724](#) Presentation on Floodproofing Techniques - Bryan Christopherson

Christophersen gave presentation on wet floodproofing and flood rise evaluator service. Strassman asked about claims process for insurance; private insurance pays more, faster. Private insurance may hurt CRS score due to loss of increased cost of compliance. Neumeister asked about cost of filling basement; depends on materials, area of the country, and contractor availability. Bosshard asked if Federal National Mortgage Association and Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation take private insurance; yes. Strassman asked how insurance is evaluated and vetted by Wisconsin insurance regulators; Christophersen will provide contact information for insurance specialist at his firm. Neumeister asked about promoting service; Christophersen said if 50 people were interested, he could have people come and do evaluation in person at event.

- 3 [19-0169](#) Request Regarding Floodplain Relief Grant for 2023 Charles St.

Richmond called out staff on an administrative issue in regard to conditional letter of map revision based on fill. Staff explained information provided in MT-1 application

and the approach going forward for the letter of map revision based on fill. Board members suggested sticking to the grant program rules of not releasing funds until the applicant received a LOMR-F.

Janssen made a motion to deny the request; Bosshard seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

4 [19-0170](#) SEH Professional Services for Ebner Coulee Floodplain Mapping

Attachments: [Oct '18 LOMR Proposal](#)

Staff shared message from Lenz. Bosshard asked why this contract negotiation is different than previous contracts in the process. Richmond requested staff follow up with City Attorney. Becker suggested including this on next month's agenda.

5 [19-0337](#) Review Floodplain Relief Program Alternatives - Strassman

Attachments: [Memo](#)
 [FEMA Technical Bulletin 10-01](#)

Strassman provided overview and mentioned reserving money for plan implementation. Gilman can invite people to present on alternatives. Richmond doesn't think City does enough with its own money outside of partnering. Neumiester asked if elevating on stilts is possible; State requires elevation on fill. Bosshard said there needs to be a critical mass of effort in flood relief. Richmond said something should be done and that nobody is doing anything. Bosshard talked about estimates for elevating entire blocks. Strassman reiterated need for flood risk management plan. Neumiester expressed desire to help homeowners. Strassman talked to Gilman about displacements and that community needs to be forward looking about where to relocate. Richmond suggested topic needs more discussion. Strassman suggested invitation to County to talk about their program.

Next Meeting / Agenda Items

Next meeting will be April 4th; agenda items may include Ebner Coulee Floodplain Mapping and Floodplain Relief Program Alternatives.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:21 pm.

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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