



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes - Final

Neighborhood Revitalization Commission

Wednesday, December 6, 2023

6:00 PM

Council Chambers - City Hall - 400 La Crosse St.

Members of the public will be able to attend the meeting in person in the Council Chambers at City Hall located at 400 La Crosse St in La Crosse or online via video conferencing with the links below.

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Meeting ID: 821 5546 4093

Passcode: 543969

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Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:02pm.

Roll Call

Present: 9 - Ralph Geary, Will Kratt, Jim Bagniewski, Larry Sleznikow, Jennifer Trost, Jessica Stanton, Sean Hurtubise, Robert McDonnell, Greg Clark

Excused: 1 - Steve Nicolai

Absent: 1 - Vacant 1

Approval of Minutes

Approval of the November 1, 2023 meeting minutes.

Ralph Geary moved to approve the minutes. Jim Bagniewski seconded. The motion passed 9-0 by voice vote.

Agenda Items:

1. Neighborhood Association presentations for 2025-2029 Capital Improvement Plan requests.

Grandview Emerson Neighborhood Association presented three items including a walking/biking path on the perimeter of Myrick Park, lighting on State St and Main St, and traffic calming on Campbell Road and 23rd Street.

Logan Northside Neighborhood Association presented three items including the ReNew the Block Habitat project on Avon Street, RRFB on Ranger Drive and Wood Street, and an RRFB on Palace Street by Badger Hickey Park.

Lower Northside Neighborhood Association presented three items including an update to the Copeland Park shelters, a trail from Goose Green Park to Monitor Street, and a bike trail on the old railroad right-of-way from St. James to Lang Drive.

Washburn Neighborhood Association presented ideas including traffic calming on Ferry Street from 8th-15th Street, improving hockey boards at Green Island, park improvements at Houska Park, streetscaping around 7th and Cass, and streetscaping on 3rd and 4th.

Powell Poage Hamilton Neighborhood Association presented four ideas including a second basketball court at Powell Park, street lighting on 8th Street, street lighting on Jackson Street, and a community garden at Powell Park.

Bluffside Neighborhood Association presented ideas regarding safety including sidewalks on 29th Street and some other sidewalk projects.

Weigent Hogan Neighborhood Association presented three ideas in Weigent Park including fixing the fencing, adding a sidewalk from 16th street to the shelter, and bollards along the new sidewalk.

2. Discussion on Neighborhood Revitalization Commission 2024 Action Plan.

CM Trost explained to the Commission the previous policy recommendations that have come from the NRC including a parking benefit district, rental registration, and short-term rental licensing ordinance.

CM Trost stated her idea was to do a vacant property survey. Clark stated that a good use for some of these properties could be a pocket park. McDonnell stated that Washburn doesn't have any parks other than Houska Park. McDonnell stated a pocket park would be a great solution to the lack of parks in their neighborhood.

Hurtubise mentioned looking at walkability and safe routes to schools given the recent/upcoming school closures.

Bagneiowski talked about working on climate goals in conjunction with the CAP steering committee that relate to neighborhood issues and neighborhood walkability. He also stated the importance of better communication and getting all the neighborhood associations to work together.

CM Trost talked about the ability for the NRC to be involved in the Zoning Code update. Kratt stated he likes the education pieces that have been part of the meetings recently and thinks educating the public on these the Zoning Code update will be just as important.

The Commission will continue discussions on an Action Plan at the January meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 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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Neighborhood Revitalization Commission Members:

CM Jennifer Trost, CM Larry Sleznikow, Jessica Stanton, Jim Bagniewski, Greg Clark, Ralph Geary, Robert McDonnell, Sean Hurtubise, Steve Nicolai, Will Kratt