



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes - Final

Neighborhood Revitalization Commission

Wednesday, August 7, 2024

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 6:00 pm.

Roll Call

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

Excused: 1 - Will Kratt

Absent: 2 - Steve Nicolai, Steve Nicolai

Approval of Minutes

Approval of the July 10, 2024 meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Stanton, seconded by Geary, the minutes be adopted.
The motion carried on voice vote.

Agenda Items:

[24-1090](#)

Accessory Dwelling Unit Design Competition kick-off.

Staff provided information on the Accessory Dwelling Unit Design Competition. City Staff had applied for an AARP grant earlier in the year to launch an Accessory Dwelling Unit Design Competition. The City of La Crosse was awarded the grant and is launching this program and will provide the top three

designs a cash reward. Three NRC members volunteered to be a part of the scoring committee.

[24-0904](#)

Resolution and report of the Board of Public Works on the costs of operating and maintaining the parking system in downtown La Crosse.

Council Member Trost stated that she wanted to bring this item to the Commission because they are evaluating the effects of parking. CM Trost stated that the city subsidizes parking downtown. CM Trost stated there is \$1.3 million deficit between revenue and expenses. CM Trost stated that Parking Utility Supervisor, Joe Pederson, said that the parking ramps are mostly empty except when there is a concert.

[24-1025](#)

La Crosse 2024 Housing Study presentation from RDG Planning & Design.

CM Trost stated she wanted the Commission to have this document and opened it up for questions. Stanton stated she appreciated the specific recommendations at the end of the document. CM Trost said Commissioners can send specific comments to her so she can get them to the consultant. Hurtubise asked why there was an increase in multi-unit housing construction in 2013 and 2015. Staff stated there could have been larger developments/apartment buildings being built. Green stated he believes post-recession there was a slump and there could have been pent up demand for housing.

[24-1041](#)

Zoning & Subdivision Code Rewrite Project (Review Draft RFP)

Staff stated that updating the Zoning Code is typically a next step after updating a Comprehensive Plan. Staff stated the RFP would go out by the end of the week. Staff stated that much of the code is difficult to interpret. The Zoning Code update will include a large community engagement component. The goal is to have a consultant under contract by the end of the year to assist with this process.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned 6:46 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 Slezniow, Jessica Stanton, Jim Bagniewski, Greg Clark, Ralph Geary,
Robert McDonnell, Sean Hurtubise, Will Kratt, Karl Green