



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes - Final

Neighborhood Revitalization Commission

Wednesday, December 7, 2022

6:00 PM

Council Chambers- City Hall- 400 La Crosse St

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Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm.

Roll Call

Present: 9 - Linda Lee, Vacant 1, Ralph Geary, Will Kratt, Jim Bagniewski, Larry Sleznikow, Jessica Stanton, Sean Hurtubise ,Robert McDonnell

Excused: 2 - Janet Allen, Mitch Reynolds

Absent: 1 - Steve Nicolai

Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of the November 9, 2022 Meeting Minutes.

Ralph Geary moved to approve the minutes. Sean Hurtubise seconded. The motion passed 8-0 by voice vote.

Agenda Items:

2. Update on the Rental Registration Ordinance.

CM Larry Sleznikow provided an update on the legislation to the Commission. He stated that several questions at the Common Council meeting were asked that included staffing and online assistance with registration. The legislation was referred for 90 days. During this referral period the City's IT Department would assess and evaluate the City's ability to provide online assistance with

this program.

4. [22-1502](#) Discussion and direction on Accessory Dwelling Units - Lewis Kuhlman

Lewis Kuhlman gave a presentation on accessory dwelling units (ADUs) that included their benefit to cities, how they are used in other parts of the world and how they may address some of the housing needs in La Crosse. Lewis stated that no legislation has been submitted at this time and that he is merely looking for feedback, concerns, and questions at this time. The Commission requested that the presentation be added to Legistar and sent to the Commission members. Feedback from the Commission included concerns about green space and if ADUs would take all of it, what would they cost to construct, provide other examples of how they are used in other cities or if there are any in La Crosse, their contribution to providing affordable housing, conversations about them being permitted are already being had in the community, when or where would they be prohibited, what are other typical restrictions associated with them, can they be similar to prefab houses, how do they affect zoning, what are their typical minimum or maximum square footage, what would the review process look like, who would be permitted to use them, and would they be permitted to be used for short term rental. The Commission suggested more outreach that included the neighborhood associations, public presentations, and the All Neighborhood Leaders meeting. Lewis stated that he would attend the next meeting to present more information.
3. [22-1153](#) Discussion on possible regulation/legislation of AirBnBs/short-term rentals.

Staff provided an update on the discussion to date and provided the Commission information related to the questions that were asked at their last meeting. The Commission requested that David Harm, the City Treasurer, be invited to their next meeting to discuss how room tax works and answer any questions.
5. Updates: Neighborhood Reports and Comprehensive Plan

Staff stated that the first phase of community engagement of the Comprehensive Plan is coming to an end and the next one will be starting in mid January. Various Commission members provided updates on activities their neighborhoods are involved in.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:18pm.

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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