



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes

Board of Park Commissioners

Thursday, September 16, 2021

5:30 PM

Virtual: Via Lifesize
In Person: Southside Neighborhood Center
1300 6th Street South, La Crosse, WI

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Members of the public will also be able to attend the meeting in person. The meeting will be held at the South Side Neighborhood Center of La Crosse, located at 1300 6th Street South. For anyone attending in person, social distancing policies will be enforced.

Additionally individuals may provide written comments on any Agenda items by:
Email: bergc@cityoflacrosse.org or Telephone: 608.789.7557

Call to Order

Board Commissioner Robert Young called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: 6 - Jim Webb, Robert Young, Sandy Cleary, Todd Olson, Jacqueline Marcou, Rebecca Schwarz

Excused: 3 - Tracy Littlejohn, Chris Kahlow, Eileen Kirsch

Others Present

In Person Guests: Gary Thurk, Tom & Kathy Zieja, David Dummer, Dennis & Joyce Smalley, Matthew Brantner, Leslie Olson, Bob Friet, Diane Roesler, Steve Hildahl, Tammy Naradin, Tylee Schultz, Mari Malin, Sally Newman

City Council Members: Mark Neumann

Parks & Rec Staff Members: Jay Odegaard, Kerry Gloede, Jim Flottmeyer, Dan

Trussoni, Kate Kroll, Kat Craugh, Jared Flick, Mckenzie Wilson

Approval of Minutes from August 19, 2021

A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Webb to approve the minutes from the August 19, 2021 meeting. The motion carried by voice vote. Olson noted for the record that after the August 2021 Park Board meeting, the WWII Memorial event date was changed to September 16, 2021.

Agenda Items:

Open Public Hearing

A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Webb to open a Public Hearing. The motion carried by voice vote.

[21-0698](#)

Request to approve the Nii Hosto Art Park Plan.

A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Webb, that this Request be DENIED. The motion carried by voice vote.

[21-0708](#)

Request to approve the selected members for the Nii Hosto project sub-committee.

A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Webb, that this Request be DENIED. The motion carried by voice vote.

[21-1308](#)

Request to approve the members for the City Hall Green Space Task Force Committee; as recommended: Courtney Lokken, Casey Meehan, Julie Nelson, and Chris Kahlow.

A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Marcou, that this Request be APPROVED. The motion carried by voice vote.

[21-1309](#)

Review of the 2021 Aquatics Season by Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Staff.

A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Marcou, that this item be received and filed.

[21-1310](#)

Request to approve a revised Fee Structure Schedule for City of La Crosse Parks facilities; effective November 1, 2021.

A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Webb, that this Request be APPROVED. The motion carried by voice vote.

[21-1350](#)

Request to review and approve a lease agreement renewal between the City of La Crosse Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Department and WisCorps.

A motion was made by Marcou, seconded by Olson, that this Request be APPROVED. The motion carried by voice vote.

[21-1311](#)

Parks and Recreation Staff update on the status of the Fish Hatchery Building project.

No Action Taken.

[21-1312](#)

Discussion on the City of La Crosse Parks Green Space Equivalency policy.

A motion was made by Webb, seconded by Olson, to direct staff to explore the idea of a green space equivalency policy. Bring back to the board with a rough draft when department staff are ready.

[21-1197](#)

Request to approve fee changes for 2022 season at Veterans Point Marina and Municipal Harbor; including Live Aboard, Freeze-In, and Dry Storage agreements.

A motion was made by Webb, seconded by Marcou, that this Request be APPROVED with the 2022 Season Rate 15% Resident Discount. The motion carried by voice vote.

Close Public Hearing

A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Webb to close the Public Hearing. The motion carried by voice vote.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Webb, seconded by Olson, to adjourn the meeting at 7:18pm. The motion carried by voice vote.

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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