



# City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall  
400 La Crosse Street  
La Crosse, WI 54601

## Meeting Minutes

### Climate Action Plan Steering Committee

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Monday, October 9, 2023

4:30 PM

Grandad Room

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#### Note different meeting room

This meeting will also be conducted through video conferencing.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://cityoflacrosse-org.zoom.us/j/83963386607?pwd=QlkvVG1EMm8vK2d6aXFrdWgyYXNaZz09>

Meeting ID: 839 6338 6607 Passcode: 419317

Join by Phone: +1-305-224-1968

#### Call to Order

Mindel called the meeting to order at 4:33 pm.

#### Roll Call

**Present:** 6 - Dorothy Lenard, Cathy Van Maren, Casey Meehan, Mackenzie Mindel, Natalie Heneghan, Andrew Ericson

**Excused:** 1 - Ronald Cosby II

#### Approval of Minutes

Lenard motioned to approve the minutes, Meehan seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

#### Notices and Discussion

#### Agenda Items:

- 1 [23-1181](#) Request to Submit Surface Water Grant Application for ReNew the Block Project

**Attachments:** [Surface Water Grant Webpage](#)

[ReNew the Block Webpage](#)

*Heneghan and Don Huff gave a presentation on the project plan. The project had already started at Lincoln MS and will be transplanted to Logan MS. The grant is for \$25,000, which will go toward Coulee Region Ecoscapes landscaping work. Municipalities are automatically eligible and there needs to be an authorizing resolution*

*in November. Habitat for Humanity has matching funds and doesn't need any from the City. They also have a maintenance agreement to take care of the landscaping for ten years. Mindel said this could be a great educational model. Van Maren asked if the plan could incorporate bus stops and shelter. This project is intended as a pilot that could be scaled up elsewhere.*

**Heneghan recused herself. Ericson made a motion to approve the request, Meehan seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.**

**2**     [23-1183](#)

Report on Johnson Controls' Energy Saving Performance Contract, Year 2 Measurement & Verification

Attachments:     [Report](#)

*Staff went over report. Since the saving need to be used to pay off the debt for the project, they can't be used for new projects. Meehan asked if we're showing a reduction from the plan's baseline year. [Municipal energy use in 2019 was 22.1 million kWh, and in 2022 was 20.3 million kWh]*

**3**     [23-1184](#)

Discussion and Updates from Working Groups.

*Van Maren shared that Xcel Energy sponsored a WI Clean Cities ride and drive event with EVs [<https://wicleancities.org/event/oct-11-2023-transportation-innovation-expo/>]. She is also reaching out to the WI Sustainable Business Council. Staff is looking to propose climate action projects for UniverCity Alliance and Thriving Earth Exchange. Mindel talked about connecting with Green Homeowners United, USGBC regarding IRA incentives, and NPS recommendations for energy efficiency and renewable energy retrofits on historic buildings. Lenard prepared questions for meeting with City staff. Van Maren suggested a tree preservation ordinance; there is report for that in the Planning office.*

## Next Meeting / Agenda Items

*The next meeting will be 11/13 @ 4:30 pm.*

## Adjournment

**Mindel adjourned the meeting at 5:47 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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