



# City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall  
400 La Crosse Street  
La Crosse, WI 54601

## Meeting Minutes - Final

### Heritage Preservation Commission

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Thursday, May 26, 2022

6:00 PM

Council Chambers- Grandad Room- 400 La  
Crosse Street

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Planning, Development and Assessment, 400 La Crosse Street, La Crosse WI 54601.

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### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6pm.

### Roll Call

**Present:** 5 - John J. Satory, David Riel, Janet Allen, Mackenzie Mindel, Monica Gorski

**Excused:** 1 - Laura Godden

**Absent:** 1 - Jennifer Morris

### Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of the April 28, 2022 Meeting Minutes.

John Satory moved to approve the minutes. Monica Gorski seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

### Agenda Items:

2. [22-0742](#)

Review of a Certificate of Appropriateness for a proposed sculpture installation in Riverside Park. (Veteran's Memorial)

Staff provided an overview of the project and provided the standards to the Commission when reviewing Certificate of Appropriateness that are not within a historic district. John Satory asked who was paying for it. John Satory moved to open a public hearing. David Riel seconded. The motion passed 5-0. Carol Gross stated that it will all be fundraised for. John Satory asked about the design and color. Val Schute described the design and provided additional details on the design. CM Mindel asked if this memorial needed to be removed would it leave little impact to the park. Val stated that some more work was need to determine how it would be affixed to the base. It would have to be attached to a fairly permanent base. Monica Gorski moved to close the public hearing. John Satory seconded. The motion passed 5-0. David Riel asked about John Nolen's role with Riverside Park and what exists today that was part of his plan. Staff stated that he had developed a very in depth landscape and planting plan that was largely not implemented. His plan also included winding paths and other features that existing today but in a different form. David Reil compared reviewing this item to changes in architecture of buildings and the challenges with determining the significant features of parks. Staff agreed and stated that a larger discussion with the Parks Department and the Park Board and this Commission will need to take place. CM Mindel agreed. Dan Trussoni also added that a final H&H study needs to be completed as well as final approval by the Parks Board. John Satory moved to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness. David Riel seconded. The motion passed 4-1. Gorski voting no.

3. [22-0677](#)

Request to approve a statue donation request for Riverside Park, presented by Barbara Kroner.

Staff provided an overview of the project. John Satory asked if the new levy goes up to this area. Dan Trussoni stated that the new levy is located to the south of the proposed location for this statue. CM Kahlow asked about the statue being raised on a platform and if that would be affected by the floodplain. Dan Trussoni stated that the statue and its installation would not be affected by the floodplain or would need to meet any requirements. David Riel asked if the cost would be financed solely by the applicant. Dan Trussoni stated that it would be and that they would be required to maintain it. David Riel also expressed concern over the general public just donating statues in public parks for personal purpose. Barbara Kroner stated that the statue was in memoriam of her mother who was a past City Clerk for La Crosse. Dan Trussoni stated that this item would also have to go back to the Park Board for approval. David Riel stated that he was unsure about statues being erected in this manner versus the previous item where it was honoring veterans. There should be some distinction between when a statue or memorial is permitted in a public space. CM Mindel asked about whether the question on quantity is what the Commission can factor in. Staff stated it is a valid question when considering these requests. John Satory stated that he agreed about not wanting to commercialize the park but argued that this statue was in honor of a past public official. John Satory moved to approve. The motion failed due to the lack of a second. David Riel moved to deny. Monica Gorski seconded. The motion passed 4-1. Satory voting no.

4. [22-0640](#)

Nomination of the Charles Felber House- Sears Roebuck & Co Home, located

at 2326 Madison Street, to be designated as a Local Historic Landmark.

This item was referred from April in order to revise the nomination.

Commissioner David Riel stated that he would work with the applicant but also wanted to discuss with the City Attorney's office if he would be permitted to do so. He has not heard back from them at the time of the meeting. He informed the applicant about his status. The applicant was also not available to work on the nomination. Staff also would assist the applicant with next steps and possible options for assistance. This house is a rare architecturally significant building in La Crosse that needs to be protected. John Satory moved for a 60 referral to work on the nomination. David Riel seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

5. Lost La Crosse Project Update.

Staff provided an update on feedback from La Crosse County. They had worked with Noffke Sign. Staff stated that they would work with David Riel on next steps. David suggested that one next step would be to contact Noffke Sign and discuss further as well as possibly getting other quotes.

6. Wrap Up Discussion on 2022 Threatened and Endangered property list.

CM Mindel stated that she thought this effort went great. Several articles in the La Crosse Tribune. A successful press conference was also held. CM Mindel thanked Commissioner Riel for all his work.

7. [22-0744](#) 2022 National Register of Historic Places Nomination Project.

Staff reminded the Commission that they had 2022 CIP funding to hire a consultant to prepare National Register Nominations. Staff informed the Commission that they intend to apply for a grant from the Wisconsin Historical Society to increase the amount of funding for nominations. Staff stated their concern for the Trane Headquarters Building and requested that funding be used now to move forward with preparing a nomination. David Riel moved to have staff move forward with having the Trane Headquarters Building nominated to the National Register of Historic Places. Monica Gorski seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

## Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:13pm.

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**Heritage Preservation Commission Members**

**CM Mackenzie Mindel, David Riel, Laura Godden, John Satory, Janet Allen,  
Jennifer Morris, Monica Gorski**