



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes - Final

Neighborhood Revitalization Commission

Wednesday, February 7, 2024

6:00 PM

Council Chambers - City Hall - 400 La Crosse St.

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Meeting ID: 821 5546 4093

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Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm.

Roll Call

Present: 9 - Steve Nicolai, Vacant 1, Ralph Geary, Larry Sleznikow, Jennifer Trost, Jessica Stanton, Sean Hurtubise, Robert McDonnell, Greg Clark

Absent: 2 - Will Kratt, Jim Bagniewski

Approval of Minutes

Approval of January 3, 2024 meeting minutes.

Jessica Stanton moved to approve the minutes, Ralph Geary seconded. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Agenda Items:

1. [24-0186](#) Approval of Neighborhood Association Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) requests.

Staff worked with the Engineering, Finance, and Parks Department to determine eligibility and feasibility of the proposed projects. The final list was attached to the agenda. Projects will be added to the process. There is no guarantee of approval of funding.

CM Larry Sleznikow clarified that those that were entered will most likely go to the end year of the process (2029) unless otherwise moved up.

Greg Clark confirmed that the process occurs every year.

Bob McDonnell asked if something didn't make the list could it be eligible in the future. Staff stated that they could come to the neighborhoods and discuss in more detail the requests that were put forward and the future feasibility of requests.

Jessica Stanton asked if the neighborhoods had been notified about their projects that will not be submitted. Staff stated that they will notify them.

CM Trost stated that the process goes through the City Plan Commission and that those would be the meetings to attend to speak for or against projects. She stated to work with your Council Member for advocacy.

Greg Clark moved to approve the proposed projects and submit them to the CIP process. Steve Nicolai seconded. The motion passed 8-0 by voice vote.

2. [24-0022](#)

Discussion on Neighborhood Revitalization Commission 2024 Action Plan.

CM Larry Sleznikow suggested the Commission look to prioritize the items. Stanton stated some items could be combined to shorten the list.

CM Trost handed out an article from the Congress for New Urbanism. She stated that this document has suggestions for easy amendments that cities can make to effect change and create more affordable housing. Staff was asked to explain land use versus zoning. Staff stated that land use is more of a broader classification such as industrial, commercial, or residential. Zoning is more specific to each parcel and provides restrictions on what property owners can and cannot do with their property.

CM Larry Sleznikow asked when the City of La Crosse first implemented a zoning code. Staff stated the city has probably had zoning for approximately 100 years.

CM Trost had the Commission take time to look through and discuss the document.

3. Introduction to and discussion on Comprehensive Zoning Code update.

Staff explained the process and plans moving forward with a Comprehensive Zoning Code update. Staff said a Zoning Code update typically follows a Comprehensive Plan and should further reflect the vision and goals of the Comprehensive Plan. Staff stated this will be a one to two year process and will involve a lot of community engagement.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 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 Sleznikow, Jessica Stanton, Jim Bagniewski, Greg Clark, Ralph Geary,
Robert McDonnell, Sean Hurtubise, Steve Nicolai, Will Kratt