



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

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400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes - Final

Heritage Preservation Commission

Thursday, April 23, 2026

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 6:02pm.

Roll Call

Present: 7 - Laura Godden, Mackenzie Mindel, Natalie Heneghan, Eric Garland, Jim Gallagher, Ellie McLoone, John Reiman

Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of the March 26, 2026 Meeting Minutes.

Eric Garland moved to approve the minutes with correction. Jim Gallagher seconded. The motion passed 7-0 by voice vote.

Agenda Items:

2. [26-0222](#) Nomination of Emerson Elementary School (Hillview Orthopedic School), located at 2001 Campbell Rd, to be designated as a Local Historic

Landmark.

A public hearing was opened by unanimous consent.

Dr. Aaron Engel, Superintendent of the La Crosse School District, stated that he was against the designation as he does not feel it meets the criteria stated in the code.

Samuel Lidner spoke in favor of the nomination.

Marcus Zettler spoke in favor of the nomination.

Barbara Kooiman spoke in favor of the nomination.

The public hearing was close by unanimous consent.

Laura Godden to approve the nomination as submitted. John Reiman seconded.

Ellie McLoone stated that she was in support of this nomination as it was one of only few schools remaining. She also expressed concerned that UWL may be interested in acquiring and demolishing it.

John Reiman stated that he was in support of this nomination and expressed his desire to work together with the School District in the future in historic preservation.

Laura Godden stated that she was in support of this nomination because of its social history which is usually hard to research and is usually lost in these nominations.

Mackenzie Mindel stated that she was no in favor of this nomination as she felt the nomination was not strong enough to meet the criteria.

The motion passed 5-2 by voice vote. (Heneghan & Mindel voting no)

3. [26-0435](#)

Nomination of the Goddard Hotel (Fred Antonneau Apartments), located at 1639 Prospect St, to be designated as a Local Historic Landmark.

Commissioner Ellie McLoone left the meeting.

Marcus Zettler provided an overview of the nomination and brief history of the property.

John Reiman asked why some of the windows were different today. Marcus stated that he felt some internal reconfiguration of the rooms and creation of bathrooms had filled in windows and created some new openings.

Mackenzie Mindel asked if the original door opening as altered. Marcus stated that it was.

John Reiman asked if he knew how many other buildings on the north side were designated. Marcus stated that he was not sure.

Mackenzie Mindel asked for Marcus to clarify why it should be nominated under its architecture even though it has been altered. Marcus stated that even though some prominent features have been removed it was not a significant amount compared to what is still remaining. She then asked what level of effort it would take to restore it. Marcus stated that it would involve some masonry work and that the porch and cupola could be easily replicated. Costly yes, difficult, no.

Mackenzie Mindel asked if there was any contact with the property owner. Staff stated they had a conversation with him about the process and what designation meant. The property owner had stated that he was opposed to the designation but that he probably would not fight it.

Eric Garland moved to accept the nomination and hold a public hearing. Jim Gallagher seconded. The motion passed 6-0 by voice vote.

4. [26-0395](#) Request from Environmental Assessment Specialists, Inc to review plans for wireless communication facilities, located at 1707 Main Street, and provide comment as part of the Section 106 process.
- Staff provided an overview of what a Section 106 Review is, an overview of the proposed project, and their recommendation.
- Jim Gallagher moved to provide comment per staff's recommendation. Laura Godden seconded. The motion passed 6-0 by voice vote.
5. [26-0458](#) Historic Certificate Initiative Program
- John Reiman provided a review of the program with the revisions suggested at a previous meeting. The next steps were to decide on what to provide recipients, such as a certificate or sign, a design for them, and find funding. He also added that he thought a yard sign would have the most impact. Jim and Laura supported providing a yard sign.
- Eric Garland moved to approve with the proposed revisions to the program document. Laura Godden seconded. The motion passed 6-0.
6. Discussion and possible action on new day and time of the Heritage Preservation Commission's monthly meeting.
- Staff provide an option for the Commission to consider. There was a conflict with this option with some commissioner availability.
- Mackenzie Mindel stated that she would assist with evaluating availability and bring this back to the next meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33pm.

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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