



# City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall  
400 La Crosse Street  
La Crosse, WI 54601

## Meeting Minutes

### Floodplain Advisory Committee

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Thursday, October 7, 2021

4:30 PM

Virtual Meeting via Lifesize

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#### Call to Order

*Andrea Richmond called the meeting to order at 4:31 PM.*

#### Roll Call

**Also in attendance: Mark Neumann, Bernie Lenz, David Reinhart, Sarah Rafajko, Craig Snyder, and Brad Woznak**

**Present:** 5 - Andrea Richmond, Scott Neumeister, Barb Janssen, Bill Bosshard, Mac Kiel

**Absent:** 2 - Richie Schultz, Sharon Hampson

#### Approval of Minutes

**A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Kiel, that the be ADOPT ACTIONS BY SINGLE VOTE . The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Bosshard, Kiel

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**Absent:** 2 - Schultz, Hampson

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#### Agenda Items:

[20-0327](#)

## Ebner Coulee Floodplain Study Update on Submittal Preparation - Brad Woznak, SEH

*Brad Woznak gave an update that the Letter of Final Determination was revoked because of a typo in the Floodway Data Table. The FEMA contractor will be fixing the error and sending a new Letter of Final Determination and starting the public period over again.*

*Bill Bosshard asked if the EC's can be revised for those that are still in after the new maps take effect. EC's can be revised, however the owner would need to hire a licensed surveyor to do that. Once we have the Letter of Final Determination and the shape file, the City will be able to list which properties have been removed from the floodplain and the public will be able to call in and find out if they are out. Once we can answer the influx of questions that will come, we will issue a press release. Bill proposed the committee looking into a bulk revision of EC's, but we can look into that later.*

*CM Richmond congratulated those who have been involved in this project as we near the conclusion. It is a great accomplishment.*

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*CM Neumeister suggested that we make a big deal about this accomplishment. This could give others hope and shows that the community is trying to do whatever we can to help homeowners. We should celebrate this victory. CM Richmond said the Mayor is fully supportive of the press release for this. David Reinhart mentioned that staff want to ensure that we have the answers before the press release goes out because we are likely to receive many calls afterward.*

[21-1131](#)

## Flood Hazard Mitigation Plan - SEH, JEO - Progress Update

*Brad stated that the Open House meeting had a fairly good turnout. He also reminded the committee about the project website stating the deadline for the community to add input is 10/31. He said to look for a doodle poll for members of the steering committee for our next public meeting. The doodle poll was going to be sent out again to the entire committee.*

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*Bill inquired about a solution for the North Side such as levees or dikes. Brad suggested that this is the purpose of the Flood Hazard Mitigation Plan. CM Richmond suggested that the American Recovery Money may help to acquire some properties and rebuild. President Janssen suggested that we need to rely on the Flood Mitigation Plan and have more conversations with the public. The FHM Plan will be a tool to have answers on how to move forward.*

[21-1132](#)

## FEMA Response Letter Update

*Sarah gave an update that the response from FEMA was received. Of the 10 properties that were requested to be removed, 8 were approved. The other 2 will require more information for the 50% substantial improvement calculation.*

*The deed restriction draft that was submitted to FEMA came back with requests to change some of the language. The draft has been returned to Legal along with FEMA's suggestions to be corrected. FEMA is expecting the deed restriction back within 60 days.*

*FEMA wants copies of all letters sent to the homeowners and a regular update within 90 days and every 90 days thereafter.*

**Adjournment**

**Meeting adjourned at 4:59 PM.**

**Yes:** 5 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Bosshard, Kiel

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