



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes - Final

Heritage Preservation Commission

Thursday, November 19, 2020

6:00 PM

Virtual Meeting via Lifesize

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Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6pm.

Roll Call

Present: 6 - Terence R. Collins, Chris Kahlow, David Riel, Marcus Zettler, Laura Godden, Janet Allen
Excused: 1 - John J. Satory

Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of the October 22, 2020 Meeting Minutes.

Janet Allen moved to approve the minutes. Terry Collins seconded. The motion passed by voice vote 6-0.

Agenda Items:

2. Most threatened/endangered Historic Resources in La Crosse Project.

Staff stated that they were putting together a presentation when Commissioner David Reil provided his draft presentation that staff liked much better and

decided to use his. David stated that he was looking at all the data and wanted to put together a "user friendly" document. Each property would have 2 pages. One would be the historic photos and information. The second would be current photos and the reasons why it is threatened. Wanted to try and put a positive tone to it and state why it should be saved. Chris Kahlow stated that why it should be saved is important but it should still state why it is threatened as well. Marcus Zettler agreed. Laura also agreed. Laura also stated that she has been working to check sources and facts and make sure we have the correct information. Chris Kahlow recognized both Craig Snyder and David Reinhart from the Community Risk Management Department and asked them if they had any questions or anything to add. Both stated that they were in attendance due to Fire Station #4 being on the list and to get more information. Chris then stated that she would also like to see this information narrowed down to one page, but overall what was presented by David works well. Should state why it is threatened first and then why it should be saved. Laura stated that we should make sure the photos have the appropriate credit cited. David stated that he can make those amendments and will continue finishing the presentation. Chris asked staff if we were still able to meet the deadline that was set for the first week of December. Staff stated that they were not sure due to the Thanksgiving holiday. He was confident it could still be done in December. Staff stated that the details of the press conference should still be worked out and that it should be a Commissioner that presents it and not staff. Laura stated that it should be held in front of the building at 3rd and Cameron right off of the bridge. Janet Allen thought it was a great idea to hold it there. Chris suggested that we could have simple hard copy materials available at the library. Social media and the City's website should be used. Deadline is set for the second week of December.

3. Update & discussion on 2022 Capital Budget requests.

Chris asked if there were any updates. Marcus asked if the Riverside Park pergola should be a capital budget request. Marcus said that he was able to find the site plan but not the construction drawings. Chris asked staff if they would like to talk to the Parks Department first about this issue before deciding if a CIP request is needed. Staff agreed that a discussion with them should occur first. Staff also suggested that we have a conversation with the Community Risk Management Department as well about flood plain restrictions. David Reinhart agreed and suggested that we get him any information for him to review and make a determination on what would be needed or if it could be put back. Chris then asked if there were any updates with the signage project or any other projects. Staff stated that they can work with Laura to create a new Google document for the Commission to work on.

4. [20-1511](#)

Resolution approving historical pedestrian street lighting standards in the 10th and Cass National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) District.

Chris Kahlow stated that she felt that this was not ready to go ahead through Council and will likely be requesting a referral. She did state that she had been in touch with a consulting firm to request outside assistance and asked them if they could make a proposal. Chris then asked the commission if they had any additional comments to pass along. Terry asked Chris what she had asked the consultant firm to do. Chris stated that she asked them to put together a lighting proposal that the neighborhoods would agree on that would include style and placement that didn't have light trespass into people's windows but still provide safety for pedestrians. They would also look at what

the Engineering Department was proposing and provide comments. Terry stated that she should request the referral.

Adjournment

Chris asked if staff could provide an update on the survey at the next meeting. Terry Collins moved to adjourn the meeting. Marcus Zettler seconded. The motion passed 6-0 by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 6:51pm.

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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