



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes

Board of Public Works

Monday, February 11, 2019

4:30 PM

3rd Floor Conference Room

Call to Order

Roll Call

Present: 5 - Randy Turtenwald, Tim Kabat, Gary Padesky, Phillip A. Ostrem, Jason Gilman

Others Present: Teri Lehrke, Bernie Lenz, Matt Gallager, Jamie Hassemer, Scott Dunnun, Jay Odegaard, Dan Trussoni, Rob Abraham, Adam Lorentz, Scott Neumeister, Andrea Richmond, Barb Janssen, Elaine Yager, Justin Holten, John Sullivan, Dan Schroeder, Carol Schroeder, Pat Bonsack, Dennis & Jean Baldwin, Debra Mirr, Jim & Judy Oestreich, Matthew Christen, Edward Jones, Karla Doolittle, Mark McBain, Jay Loeffler, Bob Kremer, Nick Rousch, Pat & Terry Bye, Taylor Smith, Patricia Thill, Nancy Kindley, Carolyn Dvorak, Ryan & Mary Rykal, Roger Averbek, Darrell Dickinson, Sarah Reys-Flietner, Josh Navrestad, Amanda Fehr, Jeff Marquardt, JD Armstrong, Chuck Lee, Robbie Young, News Media

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Ostrem, seconded by Gilman, to APPROVE the minutes of February 4, 2019. The motion carried by voice vote.

[19-0132](#)

Discussion with Xcel Energy regarding marsh project, north of Myrick Park.

A motion was made by Ostrem, seconded by Padesky, that this Item be REFERRED WITH DIRECTION to the Board of Public Works, due back by 2/18/2019, in order to get clarification from DNR and Army Corps of Engineers regarding the permit through the marsh, and for Xcel Energy to prepare a Memorandum of Understanding regarding the impacts on city property and agreement to restore damages to trail. The motion carried by voice vote.

[19-0148](#)

Contract Change Orders - February 11, 2019.

A motion was made by Ostrem, seconded by Padesky, that this Item be APPROVED. The motion carried by voice vote.

[19-0149](#)

Bidder's Proof of Responsibility - February 11, 2019.

A motion was made by Turtenwald, seconded by Padesky, that this Item be APPROVED. The motion carried by voice vote.

[19-0150](#)

Construction Contract Final Payments - February 11, 2019.

A motion was made by Turtenwald, seconded by Ostrem, that this Item be APPROVED. The motion carried by voice vote.

[19-0035](#)

Gillette Street Corridor Discussion & Public Input.

Comments:

- *impacts businesses; heavy traffic area not place for bike lane; concern for pedestrian traffic; difference between parking on street summer vs. winter; do not eliminate parking*
- *not enough parking*
- *year-round school year at Northside Elementary; study doesn't reflect busy times at school; need lighted crosswalks; do not take out parking for bicycle lanes*
- *bike lanes on Gillette is best option to ensure safe access to schools*
- *consider wider path on one side of street for pedestrians and bikes*
- *crosswalks not well-marked and semis run them; need better traffic control George St. west*
- *parking already full and removing it would reduce patronage at business and tenants*
- *search for alternatives by Central States Warehouse - dangerous*
- *parking is needed; crossing Gillette St. is difficult; no bicycle lane*
- *create network, alternatives so people can get places to where they want to go*
- *major impact to business if parking is removed*
- *why responsible to have bicycles on or busy streets?*
- *Association will do whatever they can to help*
- *Gillette St. too busy for bike lanes; bump-outs difficult to turn from side street*
- *consider semi count on Gillette St.; conduit for cameras on the corridor; parking concerns for businesses*
- *seems like creating a corridor to Hwy 16*

A motion was made by Gilman, seconded by Turtenwald, to APPROVE a plan to remove parking on the north side with bike lanes on both sides of the street. The motion carried by the following vote.

Yes: 3 - Turtenwald, Kabat, Gilman

No: 2 - Padesky, Ostrem

Roll Call

Present: 4 - Randy Turtenwald, Gary Padesky, Phillip A. Ostrem, Jason Gilman

Excused: 1 - Tim Kabat

[19-0143](#)

Diagonal Road Area Project Discussion.

Staff explained the project and answered questions from property owners.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Padesky, seconded by Gilman, to ADJOURN. The motion carried by voice vote.