



# 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, March 5, 2020

4:30 PM

3rd Floor Conference Room

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#### Call to Order

Becker called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

#### Roll Call

**Present:** 4 - Richard Becker, Barb Janssen, Gary Padesky, Sara Strassman

**Excused:** 3 - Andrea Richmond, Scott Neumeister, Bill Bosshard

#### Approval of Minutes

Padesky made a motion to approve the minutes, Janssen seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

#### Agenda Items:

- 1 [20-0327](#) Ebner Coulee Floodplain Study Update on Submittal Preparation - Brad Woznak, SEH  
  
**Attachments:** [Presentation](#)  
  
*Woznak presented attached slides. 500-year floodplain had not previously been modeled, but could help people out. The modeling is showing that 57 houses have the potential to be removed. It is unknown whether lots previously set aside for flood storage could be developed yet. Stormwater ponds may need to remain. The regulatory floodplain modeling (1D) is still a decade away from moving to a 2D model. Whether any homes would be in the floodway depends on the model. Woznak should be ready to present next month again.*
  
- 2 [20-0334](#) Direction for City Engineer to provide high water marks to Army Corps of Engineers for the updated River Analysis System (RAS) model for the Mississippi River - Strassman  
  
*USACE is updating all of Mississippi River using recent flows, had put out a request last month and had not received a response from La Crosse yet. In addition to Engineer, could get info from Stormwater Utility. Reporting would be better sooner than later, since the modeling is already in progress.*  
  
**Padesky made a motion directing City Engineer to provide high water marks to Army Corps of Engineers, Janssen seconde. The motion carried by a voice vote.**

- 3     [20-0047](#)           Discussion on Municipal Flood Control Grant
- Attachments:**     [Project Selection Help Getting Started](#)
- Direction from the committee includes looking at stormwater detention projects in the CIP and looking into La Crosse River marsh cell connection.*
- 4     [20-0344](#)           Discussion on Floodplain Hazard Mitigation Planning
- Attachments:**     [Draft Resolution](#)  
                                  [Cost Estimate Memo](#)
- Strassman asked if there would be any advantage to specifying the ratio of TIF, ReSTORE funds; Gilman didn't think so.*
- Janssen made a motion to approve this resolution, Becker seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.**
- 5     [20-0346](#)           Update on DNR Climate Data Review - Strassman
- Attachments:**     [Presentation](#)
- Strassman presented attached slides. Data scales down global findings to state level. Mississippi River was at flood stage for 100 days in 2019. Janssen asked if City was planning for increased utility sizing to account for increased precipitation and what the costs would be; staff did not have any answer at that time. Saturated soil inhibits ability to absorb stormwater and thawing. Janssen suggested reminding people to elevate things off basement floor in preparation for likely Spring high water.*

### Next Meeting / Agenda Items

*The next meeting will be 4/2.*

### Adjournment

**Padesky made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:33 pm, Janssen seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.**

*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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