



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes

Floodplain Advisory Committee

Wednesday, September 6, 2017

5:15 PM

3rd Floor Conference Room

Call to Order

Richmond called the meeting to order at 5:17 pm.

Roll Call

Present: 6 - Richard Becker, Andrea Richmond, Scott Neumeister, Barb Janssen, Gary Padesky, Bill Bosshard

Excused: 1 - Niki Paisley

Approval of Minutes

Becker made a motion, Bosshard seconded, to approve the minutes. The motion carried by a voice vote.

Agenda Items:

- 1 [17-1223](#) Neighborhood Floodplain Updates / Housing

Jason Gilman shared progress on Floodplain Grant Program. There have been a few inquiries; one enlisted an engineer and another is filling out paperwork. Applicants will only come back to committee for approval. Community Development staff have looked at a few homes on Liberty St. and Onalaska Ave. and are reviewing criteria to see whether they could qualify for HUD or TIF funding.

- 2 [17-1224](#) Update on Elevation Certificate & Links

Attachments: [Spreadsheet](#)

Doug Kerns shared spreadsheet of 413 Elevation Certificates (ECs) on file. New ECs as of 8/30 in the spreadsheet were mapped, but not linked. Kerns stated that an EC alone would not help people deeper in the floodplain lower their insurance rate, but is good information to start with; substantial projects would be necessary to raise remaining structures. Gilman clarified that contract for ECs would continue to be handled by the Engineering Dept.

- 3 [17-1230](#) Update on Funding for Surveyor

\$14k remaining in contract to do ECs. Richmond stated a need to ask for more money. Kerns to submit resolution for Council consideration in Oct; typically request \$25k at a time. Committee consensus was to go with existing surveyor to take

advantage of good price per EC.

- 4 [17-1057](#) Resolution amending previous Resolution authorizing floodplain relief funding.

Attachments: [Resolution](#)

Key differences are 90% instead of 50% reimbursement; the \$20k max. is the same. Council will consider resolution in Oct. Applications go through the Planning Dept. Richmond encouraged more outreach on the program, more prominence on City website. Kerns had directed person to program after turning down for remodel, stressing importance of internal knowledge of the program as well.

Becker made a motion, Bosshard seconded, to approve this resolution. The motion carried by a voice vote.

- 5 [17-1222](#) Report on Drainage Ditch Cleanup - Jared Greeno

Attachments: [Report](#)
 [Photos](#)

Residents along ditch should be commended for how clear it has been this year. During the 7/19-20 storm, Waste Water Dept. removed debris from drain; will be working with Engineering to repair retaining wall at right angle. Kerns shared anecdotal evidence of how much better City fared compared to Shelby; no flood insurance claims in city. Bosshard cited cause of debris as construction site erosion from higher ground. Committee thanked Greeno's Dept. for fast response. Greeno refers to rain gauges for advanced warning; could compare to flow in channels, and measurements from Shelby and downstream in the future.

Next Meeting Date/Agenda Items

Next meeting will be 10/4 @ 5:15 pm. Agenda items may include Ebner Coulee Study and a review of FEMA's flood insurance rate discussion at the end of September.

Adjournment

Becker made a motion, Bosshard seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 6:06 pm. 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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