



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes Neighborhood Revitalization Commission

Monday, March 3, 2014

6:00 PM

Call to Order, Roll Call

The meeting was Called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Sara Sullivan.

City Staff Present: Tim Acklin and Larry Kirch.

Others Present: Jeff Murphy-LCTR, David Dobbs-Couleecap Americorps, Karl Green-UW Extension, Joe Van Alestyn, Amanda Acklin-Habitat La Crosse, Council Member Audrey Kader-District 11

Welcome

Approval of Minutes

1. [14-0236](#) Approval of the February 3, 2014 Meeting Minutes

The minutes were amended to correct the spelling of Barb Janssen's last name, which was listed as "Jansen."

Karin Johnson moved to approve the February 3, 2014 Meeting Minutes. Dempsey Miller seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Items:

2. Mayor's Comment/Report

The Mayor had another commitment and was unable to report.

3. [14-0162](#) Amended Resolution releasing 2014 2018 CIP Funds up to \$50,000 for a Paint and Fix-up Program.

A motion was made by Formanek, seconded by Skinner, that the Resolution be APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 10 - Sullivan, Formanek, Miller, Breidel, Hauswirth, Janssen, Johnson, Olson, Skinner, Swim

Excused: 3 - Londre, Ostrem, Link

4. Habitat for Humanity Update- ReNEW

Amand Acklin explained the ReNew program and its involvement with the Washburn Neighborhood Association and the Powell Poage Hamilton Neighborhood Association. In 2015 ReNEW will be involved in the Lower Northside Depot Neighborhood. Applications are currently being taken.

5. "Love Your Neighborhood" Social Report

Attendance wasn't high due to the cold weather, but Chair Sara Sullivan believes it was a success, and Janssen agreed that it was worth attending. The commission discussed the possibility of changing the date in the future.

6. Washburn Garden Expo Update- March 22nd- Lincoln Middle School

Janice Hauswirth, Washburn Neighborhood, explained that there will be a silent auction for tax deductible rain barrels, free food and drink (with a vegetarian option), and Stanley Temple will be speak. Hauswirth also indicated that she would email the flyer to the commission so it could be passed along. Tim Skinner and Council Member Francis Formanek will assist with an NRC booth at the event.

7. Mayor's Neighborhood Conference Update- March 29th- Black River Beach House

Council Member Francis Formanek explained that there has been a media blitz to promote the event, and that they are finalizing exhibitionists. Janice Hauswirth stated the hospitality committee has been meeting and arrangements are being prepared.

8. Neighborhood Association Leaders "Meet and Greet" Update

Registration is being taken.

9. La Crosse Neighborhood Development Corporation (LNDC) Update

Amanda Acklin updated the commission on the stakeholders, bylaws, and interim board membership of the LNDC.

10. Riverside Redevelopment Charrette Process Update

Larry Kirch, Tim Acklin, and Council Member Francis Formanek updated the commission on this matter.

11. Formation of Work Groups to address the NRC 2014 Action Plan

12. State Legislation regarding Forclosures of Vacant Property (Discussion and Possible Action)

No action was taken.

13. Incentives for homeowners to put deed restrictions on their properties to maintain owner-occupied residences. (Discussion and Possible Action)

No action was taken.

Next Meeting Date/Agenda Items

Adjournment

Francis Formanek made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Nicolas Breidel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.