



# 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, August 6, 2020

4:30 PM

Virtual Meeting

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#### Call to Order

Richmond called the meeting to order at 4:31 pm.

#### Roll Call

**Present:** 7 - Richard Becker, Andrea Richmond, Scott Neumeister, Barb Janssen, Gary Padesky, Bill Bosshard, Sara Strassman

#### Approval of Minutes

Becker motioned to approve the minutes, Padesky seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

#### Agenda Items:

- 1 [20-0877](#) Approve Ebner Coulee Floodplain Study model submission to DNR & FEMA

**Attachments:** [Floodplain Analysis Report - Draft Submittal](#)  
[MT2 Form Draft](#)

*SEH estimated a 6-month time frame for DNR review of the submittal.*

A motion was made by Padesky, seconded by Becker, that this floodplain model be APPROVED for submission to the DNR & FEMA . The motion carried by voice vote.

- 2     [20-1056](#)     Discussion on possible ordinance to regulate lowest floor depth in areas with high groundwater - Strassman

**Attachments:**     [Example Ordinance - Draft](#)

*Strassman asked if there were already similar zoning protections in place. Reinhart asked if this ordinance would apply to new or existing buildings; shared concern builders may have over expense of soil study. Kerns suggested sticking to enforcing existing floodplain restrictions.*

- 3     [20-1057](#)     Discuss 2019 Wisconsin Act 175

**Attachments:**     [Legislation](#)  
                                  [Background Information](#)

*IPMC and UDC do not define "living quarters", but does define "habitable space." Kuhlman shared concern about affecting the City's Community Rating System (CRS) score and increasing insurance citywide. Bosshard said flood insurance is based on mortgage, not improvements. Committee requested outlining pros and cons, examples of other cities who have changed their ordinance, potential impact on insurance, and possible health concerns.*

### Next Meeting / Agenda Items

*The next meeting will be September 3rd. Agenda items may include flood hazard mitigation plan consultant selection.*

### Adjournment

**Becker motioned to adjourn at 5:04 pm, Padesky 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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