



# City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall  
400 La Crosse Street  
La Crosse, WI 54601

## Meeting Minutes

### Sustainable La Crosse Commission

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Thursday, March 15, 2018

4:30 PM

5th Floor Conference Room

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#### Call to Order

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

#### Roll Call

**Present:** 6 - Mike Giese, Tom Thompson, Dorothy Lenard, Rob Tyser, Rick Diermeier, Cathy Van Maren

**Absent:** 2 - Harvey Bertrand, Rick Cornforth

#### Approval of Minutes

Lenard made a motion, Thompson seconded, to approve the minutes from last meeting. The motion carried by a voice vote.

#### Notices and Discussions

*The Wisconsin Energy Innovation Summit is 5/23-24 in Madison.*

*Staffing switches to County in April.*

*Alternative Transportation Subcommittee met with Jim Krueger to discuss consideration of a transit app, electric busses, and midday service in Onalaska.*

#### Agenda Items:

[18-0410](#)

Madison Solar Consulting Project Services

**Attachments:** [Services Overview](#)

[Resume](#)

[Suggested Sites](#)

*Staff reviewed meeting with MSC. Pursuing a phase 1 study with MSC would not necessarily require using MSC for phase 2. Study would focus on using energy generated for a facility rather than putting it back on the grid. Van Maren suggested sharing proposal with school district and including the Myrick Park Center on the list. Lenard suggested focusing on visible locations. Cindy Shireman suggested connecting with WTC on the process. Aim to complete process in time to make capital improvement program request for 2019.*

**Thompson made a motion, Tyser seconded, to pursue a Phase 1 study with MSC for 12 sites. The motion carried by a voice vote.**

Tyser made a motion, Lenard seconded, to approve using up to 12 sites staff recommended. The motion carried by a voice vote.

[18-0415](#)

Revise energy use goals in preparation for MOU negotiation

**Attachments:** [Goals](#)

*Staff reviewed decisions from presentation last month - whether to focus on just energy or include vehicle fuel, and whether to focus on just the municipality or include citizens. Van Maren shared that Sierra Club's general goal is 100% renewable energy citywide by 2035. 25% by 2025 was part of statewide initiative, but is lower than Xcel Energy's goal. Tyser asked what Madison's MOU included. Giese directed staff weave Minneapolis & Madison MOU together and set a timeline for completion.*

[18-0416](#)

Recycling Report - Nichols

**Attachments:** [Slides](#)

*Tyser asked about capturing methane from wastewater treatment plant and getting credit for waste-to-energy plant. Thompson suggested promoting single-stream collection to other towns in County. Dynamic Recycling got an award for Wisconsin's top small business people of 2018 by the U.S. Small Business Administration.*

## Next Meeting Date / Agenda Items

*The next meeting will be 4/19 and hosted by the County.*

## Adjournment

**Diermeier made a motion, Thompson seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 5:46 pm.**

*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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