



Meeting Minutes - Final

La Crosse Historic and Cultural Museum Planning Task Force

Thursday, February 11, 2021

9:00 AM

Via Video Conferencing-Lifesize

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Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:00am.

Roll Call

- Present:** 9 - Sandy Cleary, Denise Christy-Moss, Josephine Lee, Sam Scinta, Mary Ann Gschwind, Pat Stephens, Angela Erdenberger, Sigurd Gundersen III, Tony Yang
- Excused:** 1 - Gary Padesky

Agenda Items:

1. [21-0030](#) Annual Ethics Policy Review

Pat Stephens asked the Task Force if they had reviewed the Code of Ethics. The Task Force stated that they had. Staff stated that they would inform the Clerk's Office that the Task Force has reviewed them. No action was taken on this item.
2. Update on feedback from presentation of the Task Force's efforts to date.

Staff presented the feedback that was gathered from other organizations to the Task Force. Feedback included ideas on partnerships, support, and exhibits. No action was taken on this item.
3. [21-0180](#) Discussion on feedback from FEH on next steps, document examples, & project costs.

Staff informed the Task Force about their conversation with FEH, a consulting firm that specializes in museum planning. Based on the Task Force's efforts to date FEH provided some suggestions on what the next steps should be. This include a Fundraising Feasibility Study, Organizational Study, Exhibit/Theme study, and architectural renderings. The Task Force requested that FEH attend their next meeting to discuss this further. Staff stated that they would coordinate that with them. No action was taken.

4. Discussion and possible action on Museum Task Force's and La Crosse County Historical Society's next steps.

Staff referred to the FEH's suggestions for next steps. Staff also stated that the next steps will include a financial commitment to complete where partnerships and grant opportunities will be beneficial. Further discussion to take place after discussion with FEH.

5. Discussion and possible action on 2022 Capital Budget requests.

Staff stated that they would like to submit a request for a Feasibility Study, Organizational Study, Exhibit/Theme study, and architectural renderings in an amount of \$120,000, with the expectation that the City would cover \$60,000 of it and the La Crosse County Historical Society would be responsible to cover the remaining \$60,000. The Task Force agreed to this submittal.

6. [20-1700](#) Review of report to the Common Council from the La Crosse Historic and Cultural Museum Planning Task Force.

The Task Force agreed to submitting the report to the Common Council.

Adjournment

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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