



# City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall  
400 La Crosse Street  
La Crosse, WI 54601

## Meeting Minutes - Final

### Heritage Preservation Commission

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Thursday, November 20, 2025

6:00 PM

Granddad Room- City Hall 400 La Crosse St

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#### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm.

#### Roll Call

**Present:** 6 - Laura Godden, Mackenzie Mindel, Natalie Heneghan, Eric Garland, Ellie McLoone, John Reiman

**Excused:** 1 - Jim Gallagher

#### Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of the September 25, 2025 Meeting Minutes.

Ellie McLoone moved to approve the minutes. Natalie Heneghan seconded.  
The motion passed 6-0 by voice vote.

#### Agenda Items:

2. [25-1377](#) Discussion on Demolition Delay Ordinance

Staff presented a draft demolition delay ordinance to the Commission. Staff thanked Commissioner Reiman for his work on this draft. Staff stated that overall it was a great start. It is great to establish an age criteria, but still need to discuss instances where certain parts of building are of age and others are not or other unique circumstances. Staff also stated that they would like to reduce the amount of other department staff needed for this process so as to not burden them with additional work and potential create opposition to its passing. Would like to build the process off of an existing process, such as the existing demolition sign-off form.

Ellie McLoone asked if there was a list of all of the existing historically designated structures and if there were properties that were considered for designation but not designated. Staff stated that all of the nominated properties are listed online and that all of the files not approved are in their office.

Natalie Heneghan stated that the purpose may not be solely for preservationist but also to require salvaging or recycling buildings.

Laura Godden also stated that salvage should be defined. She also stated that Section 3.3 regarding emergency situations for demolition should be expanded and made more clear. Laura also asked what happens if nothing is determined after the delay, and if 120 days is too much or not enough. Staff and the Commission thought that the time frame could be adjusted accordingly.

Natalie Henghan asked if the other communities required a plan for reuse in order to apply for demolition. CM Mindel stated that there was some plan that was required. Natalie asked about how deconstruction would fit into this ordinance. Staff stated that should be a separate ordinance as we would want all buildings to be considered for deconstruction.

Eric Garland asked if Habitat for Humanity has exclusive rights to deconstruction rights. Staff stated that they do not, they are just one of the few, if only, organizations that do that.

Staff suggested that they make all of the requested revisions and changes and then bring back another draft to the Commission for review. They would also like to include other staff.

3. [25-1378](#) Review and Discussion on Chapter 115 Heritage Preservation Commission related ordinances.

Staff requested that the Commissioners review the current ordinances in Chapter 115 that the Commission administers and discuss any proposed changes as part of the City's zoning code update project. Staff suggested that front yard parking could operate on its own without Commission approval as there is criteria already in place.

Eric Garland left the meeting at 6:45pm.

Staff also suggested removing rescue platforms from review by the Commission. Would need to work with Inspection's staff to confirm. John Reiman stated that if we do not get many of them then is there a reason to

remove it? Then they could review the rare one that is applied for. Staff stated that the carriage house ordinance and the accessory dwelling unit ordinance needs to be consistent with each other and part of a larger discussion with the consultants.

CM Mindel suggested that design standards be added to allow for solar panels. Staff stated that there is historic guidance for those that we can use.

Staff requested that the Commission continue to review these ordinances for further future discussion.

## Adjournment

There will be no December 2025 meeting.  
The meeting was adjourned at 7:04pm.

*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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Heritage Preservation Commission Members

CM Mackenzie Mindel, Laura Godden, Natalie Heneghan, Jim Gallagher, Ellie McLoone, John Reiman,  
Eric Garland