



# City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall  
400 La Crosse Street  
La Crosse, WI 54601

## Meeting Minutes

### Climate Action Plan Steering Committee

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Monday, February 9, 2026

4:00 PM

Eagle Room

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This meeting will also be conducted through video conferencing.

Join Zoom Meeting:

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Meeting ID: 895 5626 2687 Passcode: 102161

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#### Call to Order

Mindel called the meeting to order at 4:01 PM.

#### Roll Call

**Present:** 7 - Dorothy Lenard, Casey Meehan, Mackenzie Mindel, Natalie Heneghan, Andrew Ericson, Stephanie Hanna, Lauren Fortin

#### Approval of Minutes

Ericson made a motion, seconded by Meehan, that the Minutes be approved.  
The motion carried by a voice vote.

#### Notices & Discussion

*US Solar has provided an updated pricing to Xcel that now includes the energy storage system. The price includes a 5% discount carve out that they are hoping Xcel will pass through to us. If the pricing is acceptable to Xcel, Connor will be sending out an introductory email looping in all parties (US Solar, City of La Crosse, and our Xcel representative).*

#### Agenda Items:

- 1 [26-0142](#) Presentation on Microgrid Feasibility Study for City, County, and WTC Campuses - Slipstream

**Attachments:** [Final Report](#)  
[Presentation Slides](#)

*Staff provided an overview of the feasibility study's grant funding. Adrian Rivera provided an overview of the report. Staff mentioned the possibility of battery storage at the La Crosse Center. There are pathways for each building to show savings because the benefits of existing solar arrays are not included. The study did take into consideration peak shaving possibilities of battery energy storage system. States that*

*offer BESS incentives have shown greater adoption of the systems, but WI has not offered any. Next steps will include following through on the guidance in the report and keep an eye out for the Energy Innovation Grant Program application window.*

2     [26-0018](#)     Zoning for Climate Action Update

**Attachments:**     [Presentation \(Jan '26\)](#)  
                              [Draft Community Interview Questionnaire \(Feb '26\)](#)

*Staff provided an overview. Consultant requested feedback on interview questions by 2/13. They collected example ordinances from some communities, staff will provide them with contact information at those communities, if known, and consultant will interview staff in those communities about their process and results of the implementation. Mindel suggested asking about community opposition.*

3     [26-0141](#)     2026 Earth Fair Vendor Participation Inquiry

*Staff solicited questions and suggestions how the committee could be involved in the Earth Fair. Ericson suggested making a big push on the communications plan to get the public involved. Mindel suggested tying incentives to the actions; staff suggested kayak or pool passes from Parks Dept. Hanna said Earth Fair is 4/26, booth sign up is 3/31. Heneghan reiterated idea for a bingo card identifying which booths match actions in the plan. Meehan suggested having card at registration table and break the plan into bite-sized pieces. Ericson suggested a coupon book for kids to use for their parents to take action, such as "take me on an adventure using the bus". Meehan suggested a connection to the Green Goose Chase. Mindel also suggested tying it to the Carbon Free La Crosse Challenge. Hanna suggested an electronic format to reduce paper use.*

### Next Meeting / Agenda Items

*The next meeting will be March 9th.*

### Adjournment

**Mindel adjourned the meeting at 5:13 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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