



# City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall  
400 La Crosse Street  
La Crosse, WI 54601

## Meeting Minutes - Final

### Neighborhood Revitalization Commission

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Wednesday, July 12, 2023

6:00 PM

Council Chambers- City Hall- 400 La Crosse St

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Members of the public will be able to attend the meeting in person in the Council Chambers at City Hall located at 400 La Crosse St in La Crosse, or online via video conferencing with the links below.

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Meeting ID: 821 5546 4093

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#### Call to Order

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

#### Roll Call

**Present:** 7 - Ralph Geary, Jim Bagniewski, Larry Sleznikow, Jennifer Trost, Jessica Stanton, Sean Hurtubise, Robert McDonnell

**Excused:** 2 - Will Kratt, Greg Clark

**Absent:** 2 - Steve Nicolai, Vacant 1

#### Approval of Minutes

Approval of the June 7, 2023 Meeting Minutes.

A motion was made by Bagniewski, seconded by Stanton, that these minutes be **RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED**. The motion carried by voice vote.

#### Agenda Items:

1. [22-1153](#) Discussion on possible regulation/legislation of AirBnBs/short-term rentals.

Staff provided an update on the updated short-term rental draft ordinance. Staff pointed out the changes that were made to the draft ordinance based on past comments. Jim Bagniewski asked what the application cost would be. Staff informed him the cost would be \$50 every year to cover staff time.

Bagniewski asked if short-term rentals that were already existing would be grandfathered in. Staff informed the Commission that any existing short-term rentals will still be required to get this license. However, the fees will not incur until 2024. CM Sleznikow asked if the City knows when a short-term rental is established. Staff stated there is currently no way to know this and the ordinance would assist the City with knowing when new short-term rentals open up in the City. Jessica Stanton asked the difference between the citizen complaint process and the enforcement process of a nuisance property. Ellen Atterbury from the City Attorney's Office informed the Commission that the citizen complaint adds the avenue for citizens to initiate the process to revoke, suspend, or deny a license through a sworn written complaint. CM Sleznikow asked if it was possible to ask Airbnb how many operations they had in La Crosse. Atterbury stated we can request that information but getting Airbnb to respond is not easy. Jim Bagniewski motioned to approve this ordinance to move onto its next steps through the Council cycle. Jessica Stanton seconded.

CM Sleznikow motioned to open public hearing. Ralph Geary seconded. The motion carried 7-0 by voice vote.

Eric Doyle, citizen of La Crosse, spoke in favor of stricter regulations than presented by the draft ordinance. Doyle stated short-term rentals are commercial uses in R-1 zoning.

Joe Leinfelder, citizen of La Crosse, spoke in favor of stricter regulations than presented by the draft ordinance. Leinfelder brought forward concerns with the short-term rentals in their neighborhood.

CM Sleznikow motioned to close public hearing. Bob McDonnell seconded. The motion carried 7-0 by voice vote.

CM Trost reminded Commission Members there was a motion on the floor to approve the draft ordinance and move it onto its next steps by going through the Council cycle. The motion carried 7-0 by voice vote.

2. [23-0382](#)

Update and discussion on Accessory Dwelling Unit policy research - Lewis Kuhlman

Staff provided a brief update on the process of an Accessory Dwelling Unit Ordinance. Staff is meeting internally to discuss questions, concerns, and solutions and plans to come back to the Commission once those are addressed.

3. Updates: Comprehensive Plan, Tree Walk, Neighborhood Reports.

Staff stated that the Comprehensive Plan is going through internal review. The final draft will be posted for public viewing and feedback in the coming weeks.

Staff stated there will be a Community Tree Workshop for the Downtown on July 27, 2023 at 5:30 PM at Burns Park. There will be a community-wide workshop as well sometime in September.

CM Sleznikow stated he has heard concerns regarding the metronet fiber optics being installed in the City. CM Sleznikow stated that there were complaints about noise, damage, etc. CM Sleznikow stated the original

contractor was let go and a new contractor has been hired. He also stated any damaged sidewalks will be replaced. Moving forward he suggested taking pictures of damage to document.

4. Call for items for next meeting.

## **Adjournment**

**The meeting was adjourned at 6:54 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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Neighborhood Revitalization Commission Members:

CM Jennifer Trost, CM Larry Slezniow, Jessica Stanton, Jim Bagniewski, Greg Clark, Ralph Geary, Robert McDonnell, Sean Hurtubise, Steve Nicolai, Will Kratt