



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes - Final

Neighborhood Revitalization Commission

Wednesday, March 6, 2024

6:00 PM

Council Chambers - City Hall - 400 La Crosse St.

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Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm.

Roll Call

Present: 9 - Steve Nicolai, Ralph Geary, Jim Bagniewski, Larry Slezniow, Jennifer Trost, Jessica Stanton, Sean Hurtubise, Robert McDonnell, Greg Clark

Absent: 2 - Vacant 1, Will Kratt

Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of the February 7, 2024 Meeting Minutes.

A motion was made by McDonnell, seconded by Geary, that the minutes be approved. The motion carried by voice vote.

Agenda Items:

2. Update on the Comprehensive Zoning Code update Project.

Staff provided an update on why they are looking to update the Zoning Code. Typically after a Comprehensive Plan, municipalities will update their Zoning Code to bring it into compliance with the Comprehensive Plan. Staff stated that much of the Zoning Code is outdated and needs to be updated. Staff is working on a resolution to identify a funding source. Staff stated

conversations will be had with the community and the process will include public input. Staff stated this will probably be a one to two year process. Staff stated they plan to hire a consultant to assist with updating the Zoning Code.

3. [24-0343](#)

Discussion on the elimination of off-street parking.

Council Member Trost asked Commission Members to give Staff direction for how they should proceed. CM Trost said this topic has been through thorough discussion over the past three years.

Hurtubise asked if there was follow up on the parking study which looked at evenings and weekends ever to see demand for parking during those times. Staff stated that the parking study specifically considered day-time parking.

CM Trost stated this should be considered owner-determined parking/legislated parking requirements because the owner or developer determines parking based on their needs. CM Trost said the goal would be to reduce the cost and create more housing units.

Stanton stated she has concerns that the burden will fall on low-income individuals with having to find on-street parking because the units without parking will be more affordable.

Bagniewski asked if there are other communities that have reduced or eliminated parking requirements. Information on other communities parking requirements can be found on the parking reform network website.

The Commission opened it up to public comment.

William Bonadurer, La Crosse, came to speak on the topic. Bonadurer stated that costs associated with parking should be considered. Bonadurer stated he doesn't own a car and pays for the costs associated with two parking stalls where he resides.

Kevin Hundt, La Crosse, also spoke. Hundt stated that parking requirements should be dependent on proximity to a bus stop.

Eric Glamm spoke about the process of implementing the needed parking requirements for developments. Glamm stated that increased space for cars leads to more cars. Glamm stated that modifying the requirements can alleviate some of the issues.

Samual Deetz, La Crosse, spoke about his research on the parking reform network. Deetz stated Duluth just eliminated all parking requirements.

Clark asked what the goal the Commission and City should be working toward. CM Trost stated the statements from NRC in 2020 and 2021 provide this.

Commissioners directed staff to outline three different options for modifications to city parking requirements. The Commission asked for this to come back to the next NRC meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 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 Sleznikow, Jessica Stanton, Jim Bagniewski, Greg Clark, Ralph Geary,
Robert McDonnell, Sean Hurtubise, Steve Nicolai, Will Kratt