



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes

Sustainable La Crosse Commission

Wednesday, February 15, 2017

5:00 PM

3rd Floor Conference Room

Recycling Forum

Call to Order, Roll Call

Giese CALLED TO ORDER this Meeting at 5:30 pm.

Present: 7 - Jai Johnson, Mike Giese, Martin Gaul, Harvey Bertrand, Tom Thompson, Dorothy Lenard, Rick Diermeier

Excused: 2 - Rob Tyser, Rick Cornforth

- 1 [17-0183](#) Approval of January 18, 2017 Minutes

Attachments: [Hyperlink](#)

Lenard made a motion, Johnson seconded, that these Minutes be APPROVED.
The motion carried by voice vote.

Agenda Items:

- 2 **Staff Report & Information Update**

City's Green Tier Legacy Communities annual report; meeting about County GTLC requirements; participation in Mayor's Expo - Lenard suggests not overlapping others, Thompson suggests sharing GTLC report, Giese suggests working with Mayor's staff on presentation.

- 3 [17-0070](#) Discussion and Action on Sustainability Analytics' Proposal to Update the Sustainability Indicator Data

Attachments: [Proposal](#)

Nick Nichols shared Tyser's comments on proposal.

Johnson made a motion, Lenard seconded, that this Proposal be APPROVED.
The motion carried by voice vote.

- 4 [17-0110](#) AN ORDINANCE to amend Section 2-663(a)(6), to create Section 2-663(7) and to create Section 2-663(c) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse concerning auxiliary citizen members of the Sustainable La Crosse Commission.

Attachments: [Ordinance](#)

Giese explained inconsistencies; Johnson explained Mayor and County Board Chair to appoint members.

Johnson made a motion, Bertrand seconded, that this Ordinance be APPROVED. The motion carried by voice vote.

5 Discussion & possible action on business representative vacancy

Needs mayoral appointment.

6 Recycling Forum @ 5:30 pm

Henry Koch presented on La Crosse County's Solid Waste Facility. Recycles 1-7 plastics; don't need to separate mixed plastics, but do need to separate out plastic bags and film; shredded paper needs to be separated in a bag; added aseptic cartons and wax paper cups (including take out containers); whole-stream recycling not necessary at this point; composting not covered. Harter's Quick Clean Up is converting to natural gas and doing more local processing, including optical sorting for plastics and electronic recycling; does paper shredding at Earth Fair. Curbside pick-up improves recycling rates for rural residents (ex: Holland). 7 Rivers Recycling recycles mattresses, including upcycling for weed barriers.

Ideas include: garbage fairy to reward good job, more educational materials about what is recyclable, videos online to show process (could work with television stations), more bins instead of more frequent pick-up, keep an eye on emerging technologies, and sharing plans for extending list of recyclables.

Next Meeting Date/Agenda Items

The next meeting will be Thursday, March 16th at 4:30 pm.

Adjournment

Johnson made a motion, Lenard seconded, that this Meeting be ADJOURNED at 6:30 pm. The motion carried by voice vote.

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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