

City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall 400 La Crosse Street La Crosse. WI 54601

Meeting Minutes - Final

Neighborhood Revitalization Commission

Monday, June 1, 2020

6:00 PM

3rd Floor Conference Room

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

Roll Call

Present: 10 - Tim Kabat, Linda Lee, Ralph Geary, Jennifer Trost, Will Kratt, Jim

Bagniewski, Nora Garland, Larry Sleznikow, Janet Allen, Christopher

Woodard

Absent: 1 - Steve Nicolai

Approval of Minutes

M. Sleznikow, S. Trost to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. On voice vote, motion passed.

Agenda Items:

 Consideration an possible action on a public participation strategy for the 2020 Comprehensive Plan.

Item 1: Jason Gillman provided an overview of the citizen interviews the Planning Department had conducted and the key findings which are shaping the public participation strategy for the plan. R. Geary asked that we also consider the regional approach and coordination of comprehensive plans being updated and developed by the County. CM Sleznikow also asked about the threshold for adequate public participation and Jason replied that between 10 and 20% of the population reached is a metric we often see with this work and that we need to also strive for equity and inclusiveness in our efforts to represent the City's demographic. Nora Garland also brought up the impending opportunities for public participation on the calendar such as the League of Women Voters meetings.

Motion by Garland, Second by Sleznikow to approve the draft public participation strategy and program.

2. Updates on COVID19 actions involving neighborhoods in the City

Item 2. Jason Gillman provided updates on the COVID response of the City including the Community Support Plan and Public relations video, the Victory Gardens, Small Business Relief Funding, EOC Operations, LCNI Mailing and Grant writing work. Many thanked the neighborhood associations for their work, including supporting the victory garden projects, including Mayor Kabat. Janet Lee thanked the school district in its efforts to provide food for young people. Jason asked that the commission consider anything we may be missing in support of people during the pandemic and provide feedback to the City.

3. Scheduling a parking utility update in the City and consideration of the impact of COVID19 on parking and transportation policy

Item 3. The Commission asked that we invite Greg Elsen to provide an update on parking policy in the City and the status of the study that was conducted. There was additional discussion about shared streets, street closures and innovate designs like Argyle Street in Chicago, which provides flexibility for business and traffic due to its design.

Adjournment

Motion by Jim Bagniewski, Second by Chris Woodard to adjourn. On voice vote, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:02PM

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