



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes

Floodplain Advisory Committee

Thursday, July 2, 2020

4:30 PM

LifeSize Virtual Meeting

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Call to Order

Richmond called the meeting to order at 4:36 pm.

Roll Call

Present: 5 - Richard Becker, Andrea Richmond, Barb Janssen, Gary Padesky, Bill Bosshard

Absent: 2 - Scott Neumeister, Sara Strassman

Approval of Minutes

Padesky motioned to approve the minutes, Becker seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

Agenda Items:

- 1 [20-0880](#) Discuss north side flooding and assistance w/ Kevin Conroy

Attachments: [Memo from City Engineer](#)

Janssen recommended staff work with Building Inspections, Engineering, and Stormwater Utility to do outreach with nuisance properties (due to pumping) regarding the Floodplain Relief Program. Conroy is willing to walk homeowners through the City grant and loan process, and mentioned classes that grantees from the replacement housing program have to attend. Additional outreach suggested includes informational

guides and mailers on all City funding and a press release to encourage news stories on the topic.

- 2 [20-0877](#) Approve Ebner Coulee Floodplain Study model submission to DNR & FEMA

Staff will forward submittal to committee upon receipt.

- 3 [20-0878](#) Update on USACE Nonstructural Flood Mitigation Assessment

Staff can pass on any comments or questions in regard to the process.

- 4 [20-0879](#) Review draft request for proposals for a flood hazard mitigation plan

Attachments: [Draft Request for Proposals 07/02/2020](#)
 [Draft Request for Proposals 07/16/2020](#)

Janssen motioned to approve the RFP after a one-week comment period for the committee, Padesky seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

- 5 [20-0650](#) Discussion on increasing the Floodplain Relief Program grant amount

Conroy said basement infill projects had cost of \$47k and estimated \$46k for another house; suggested coupling with housing rehabilitation loan from City. There was a comment from the public that not all Floodplain Relief Program applicants may qualify for the Housing Rehabilitation Program.

Padesky motioned to raise the grant amount to \$25,000, Janssen seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote. Staff will draft resolution for Council introduction.

Next Meeting / Agenda Items

The next meeting will be 8/6. Agenda items may include an ordinance to require that basements be at least a foot above the highest seasonal ground water level.

Adjournment

Becker motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 pm, Padesky seconded. The motion carried by a 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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