



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes - Final

Neighborhood Revitalization Commission

Monday, June 28, 2021

6:00 PM

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Call to Order

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

Roll Call

Present: 7 - Linda Lee, Ralph Geary, Will Kratt, Nora Garland, Larry Sleznikow, Janet Allen, Jessica Stanton

Excused: 3 - Jim Bagniewski, Mitch Reynolds, Michelle Staehly

Absent: 1 - Steve Nicolai

Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of the May 3, 2021 Meeting Minutes.

Nora Garland stated that she thought there was a motion in the June meeting to create a draft revised parking ordinance or to work on one. Staff stated that they would amend the minutes. Linda Lee moved to approve the minutes as amended. Nora Garland seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Agenda Items:

2. Discussion with the Director Adam Lorentz of the Municipal Transit Utility on future projects.

Staff informed the Commission that Adam Lorentz, Director of the MTU, would not be able to attend the meeting due to a last minute conflict. Adam stated that he would be able to attend the August 30th meeting.

3. Discussion on Neighborhood & City collaboration of public streetscapes.

Nora Garland stated that she want to bring this issue to the Commission. Nora stated that some of the new places where street work has been completed, such as roundabouts, blvds, crosswalks, etc have a lot of weeds and look uncared for. Nora asked what the process was for people to take care of these area or get assistance from the City. Efforts have been successful in the 17th & King traffic circle but the process with the City was confusing. Looking to do the same thing at the 21st Street traffic circle and want clarification on the process. Is there some initiative for beautification that can be created for neighborhoods to handle these efforts in their neighborhoods. Staff stated that either the Board of Public Works or the Parks Department has jurisdiction over these areas. It also depends on what the scope of work is. Staff can look into who has oversight of the traffic circles. Certainly partnerships with the neighborhoods are encourage to maintain areas as evident with the historic sign at Losey Blvd and La Crosse Street. Nora Garland stated that some areas are not all in neighborhood areas and thinks that this can be a larger City issue to address. Maybe should be explored further rather than leave areas to those that area adopted to be taken care or not. Staff stated that they would look into process from the City perspective. Nora suggested that a committee could be helpful to discuss this effort further. Jessica Stanton added that the Holy Trinity Neighborhood help with cleanup of their traffic circles but clearly a larger effort would be a great idea. Linda Lee added that neighborhoods have volunteers that do the work now but at some point they may no longer be able to continue doing it and a longer term vision is needed. CM Slezniow stated that it would be good to have feedback from the City on processes and resources. Nora Garland and Linda Lee expressed interest in a subcommittee and would bring something back to the Commission at their next meeting. This includes the traffic circles, curb bump outs, roundabouts, and any other areas. Janet Allen added that an organization that could be a great partner is WisCorp.

4. Update on Off-Street Parking Requirements Elimination Ordinance.

Staff stated that they were not able to work on these items since the last meetings. Direction was to amend the previous draft ordinance to include neighborhood comments and a sub-committee was formed. CM Jennifer Trost suggested that perhaps we move forward with just submitting legislation to eliminate the commercial off-street parking requirement and then focus on multi-family. CM Slezniow suggested that drafts of both ordinances be brought back to the Commission for them to review. Will Kratt asked about the subcommittee meeting on the multi-family ordinance and staff stated that they would. Draft would be brought back to the Commission at their next meeting.

Adjournment

Nora Garland moved to adjourn the meeting. Linda Lee seconded. The motion passed 7-0 by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 6:36pm.

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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