



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes

Floodplain Advisory Committee

Thursday, February 3, 2022

4:00 PM

Virtual via Lifesize

Call to Order

Chair Andrea Richmond called the meeting to order at 4:06 PM.

Roll Call

Present: 6 - Andrea Richmond, Barb Janssen, Bill Bosshard, Mac Kiel, Richie Schultz, Sharon Hampson

Excused: 1 - Scott Neumeister

Approval of Minutes from meeting on 12/2/2021

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Hampson, that the be ADOPT ACTIONS BY SINGLE VOTE . The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Richmond, Janssen, Bosshard, Kiel, Schultz, Hampson

Excused: 1 - Neumeister

Annual Ethics Policy Review

Agenda Items:

[21-1681](#)

FEMA Violations

Sarah Rafajko provided an update on the FEMA violation properties. While discussing the violations, Chair Richmond asked about the remediation plan for 2710 Onalaska Ave and why Parks had the keys. We discussed the options, but no remediation options have been determined. Mayor Reynolds confirmed that 2710 Onalaska will not be a park and that Parks just has the keys for maintenance.

We discussed the 13 properties with the vents and an elevation certificate that was found that was wrong. Doug Kerns suggested that the elevation certificate is outdated, not incorrect. He said at the time, the City was going through a remapping.

Vent installation was discussed and suggested that we get a resolution to pay for purchase and installation of flood vents. David Reinhart stated that he has been in touch with finance to find money to pay for it.

[22-0096](#)

Resolution approving Deed Restrictions for properties with garages previously built below the floodplain on the north side of La Crosse, which violate the current floodplain standards.

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Kiel, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Finance & Personnel Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Richmond, Janssen, Bosshard, Kiel, Schultz, Hampson

Excused: 1 - Neumeister

[21-1678](#)

Ebner Coulee LOMR

Sarah Rafajko has verified all structures in the Ebner Coulee area and an additional 29 structures have been removed from the floodplain, affecting 33 parcels. There are 62 structures, 56 parcels that will remain in the floodplain and of those, 39 do not have Elevation Certificates on file.

Bill Bosshard asked if the City would negotiate for the pricing of the Elevation Certificates on behalf of the homeowner. Chair Richmond questioned whether the City would contract or pick up the cost of the EC's. Sarah Rafajko stated after having talked to 60 homeowners, most of these owners own their homes and do not pay for flood insurance. None of the homeowners expressed any concern about the cost of the EC. Council President Janssen suggested that the City continue the role of educating homeowners at this time.

Adjournment

Chair Andrea Richmond adjourned at 4:32 PM.

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