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APPROVED

Planning Commission Draft Minutes

Date: Tuesday, January 18, 2022

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Location: Town Hall, 2800 Ward Ave, La Crosse, WI 54601

Town Officials Present: Planning Commission Chairperson Elliott Bujan, Commissioners Mike Kendhammer, Al Schulz, Rebecca Flege, Karen Kouba, Brian Benson, Administrator Christina Peterson, Clerk Fortune Weaver, Town Board Chairperson Tim Candahl, and Supervisor Marlene Heal.

Not Present: None.

Attendance List: Abbey Nicewander (MRRPC (Mississippi River Regional Planning Commission)).

1. Call meeting to order by Bujan at 4:03 p.m.
2. Approve 12/21/2021 Minutes. Motion by Heal to approve minutes with typo fixed from 12/21/2021, second by Benson. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Citizens' Concerns. Peterson got a comment from a resident that thanked the commission for the work being put in and they are excited to attend the public hearing.
4. Comprehensive Plan- Housing Element. Peterson noted a subcommittee met about the Housing Element. Not a lot has changed and a lot of it is statistics. Schulz wants to see encouragement for building to a higher standard including solar, more ecologically friendly buildings. Peterson noted having that information included in the housing section would be useful to guide promotion of environmentally friendly construction. Nicewander and Peterson agree that it can be made another goal. Bujan mentioned a goal to find resources or programs that would help the residents obtain solar, and other fixtures that help reduce the environmental impact of development or redevelopment. Bujan commented that younger families will be interested in the opportunities of living in a community that is making strides to be sustainable. Bujan would like to know what it would take to become a designated sustainable community, Peterson clarified with new development that can be placed in the forefront. With the redevelopment potential and the mitigation of flooding and runoff would be working towards that goal. Peterson noted working with the County would be the easiest way to accomplish that goal as such a small township. Peterson and Bujan agree that the Town needs to educate the residents about these options and benefits. Mike Kendhammer commented about an organization Focus on Energy that will come to the existing home or building project and explain and provide information that will help residents learn how to make their homes more sustainable, free of charge. The Commission agrees that they should put information on building permits, having the building inspector provide that information. Candahl has spoken with Vernon Electric to put a solar farm in Shelby. Schulz noted there is a 2-year college training people to do solar installation and would be a great resource for getting started with moving towards a sustainable future. Schulz noted the Town should be assertive and make sure the Town is working with FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) and other entities to make sure any preventative actions are taken for properties in Shelby. Candahl noted the importance of the Future Land Use Planning. Peterson provided clarification on the action items included in the Future Land Use Element, and there will be additional items addressed in the Natural Resources Element.

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5. Comprehensive Plan- Economic Element. Nicewander reviewed current economic element. Nicewander recommended working on the strengths and weaknesses section of this element. Schulz noted he would like to see mentions of the Vulnerabilities to covid, mention the younger population and need for vaccination in Covid plan needs to be addressed. Peterson asked for clarification if there should be Strengths and weaknesses in general at the beginning of the plan or should they be section by section. The strengths and weaknesses will be moved to the introduction to the plan and will be reviewed towards the end of the planning process.
6. Administrator Report.
 - a. Peterson spoke with Charlie Handy from La Crosse County about the Future Land Use Map. Peterson reviewed the current differences between the County's draft map and the Town's draft map. Peterson has created a new draft map in hopes that the Town's map and the County's map match as closely as possible to alleviate any problems or confusion in the future. Peterson reviewed the new draft map. Minimal changes to get the County's map to match the Town's. Most Conditional Commercial on Shelby's Map will show as residential on La Crosse County's map. Still in the draft phase so changes may still occur.
7. Commissioners. None.
8. Adjournment. Motion by Kouba, second by Kendhammer to adjourn at 4:57 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Next Planning Commission meeting February 22, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. at Town Hall, 2800 Ward Ave, La Crosse, WI 54601.