



La Crosse Area Planning Committee

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Minutes of LAPC Meeting, November 16, 2016

Minutes of the meeting of the La Crosse Area Planning Committee held on Wednesday, November 16, 2016 at 4:30 p.m. in room 3220 of the La Crosse County Administrative Center, 400 4th St N, La Crosse, WI.

Members Present: Nancy Proctor, Village of Holmen; Timothy Candahl, Town of Shelby; Tara Johnson, La Crosse County; Mike Weibel, alternate, Town of Medary; Tim Kabat, City of La Crosse; Joe Chilsen, City of Onalaska; Terry Schaller, Town of Campbell; Rolly Bogert, Town of Onalaska. **Members Excused:** Dennis Manthei, Village of West Salem. **Others Present:** Jason Valerius, Charlie Handy, Andy Winga, Steve Flottmeyer, Will Kratt, Francis Schelfhout, Vicki Markussen, Tom Faella.

Call to Order: Tim Candahl called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

1) Approval of Minutes of the October 19, 2016 LAPC Meeting:

Mike Weibel motioned to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2016 meeting; Nancy Proctor seconded. All were in favor.

2) Public comment relative to agenda items, with 5 minute time limit per comment:

None.

3) Business Community Involvement in Traffic Demand Management:

Vicki Markussen updated the committee on the status of the La Crosse Chamber of Commerce efforts to understand and coordinate Traffic Demand Management by area employers. Ms. Markussen stated that businesses are already doing a lot to provide alternatives such as flex time, carpool assistance and van pooling. The Chamber will be surveying a group of about 10 major employers and survey additional employers based on the initial results. In response to a question by Tara Johnson, Vikki Markussen reported that the Chamber has about 750 members out of the approximately 3200 businesses in La Crosse County.

4) Continuation of Workshop on LAPC Urban Mobility Framework:

Jason Valerius facilitated a discussion to determine the direction that the LAPC would prefer to follow to help implement Traffic Demand Management in 2017. Mayor Kabat updated the committee on activities that are ongoing in the City of La Crosse including the MTU Go circulator, the bike/ped bridge over the railroad, and work proposed by the new La Crosse parking manager. Tim Candahl asked whether some of the current problems are due to lack of planning and actions in the past and suggested that each community report on what they are doing, and what they would be willing to consider. Will Kratt updated the committee on group meetings that are taking place among large employers, suggesting that most parking issues are downtown and that the group is looking into parking pricing and new technologies. The City of Onalaska and La Crosse County volunteered to be “champions” of transit, and land use and policy, respectively. The LAPC will meet on the three TDM areas of land use and policy, parking and transit in February, March and April to report on current activities and plan for implementation.

5) Other business; Adjourn; Next meeting to be announced:

The LAPC annual meeting will be at Piggy’s on Wednesday, January 18, 2017.

Joe Chilsen motioned to adjourn at 6:15 p.m.; Rolly Bogert seconded. All were in favor.