

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members
Planning Commission Members
FROM: Paul Kenaga, Building Official/Zoning Administrator
DATE: April 5, 2013
RE: Planning Commission Minutes

The Planning Commission met at 5:15 p.m., on Tuesday, April 2nd, 2013, in the City Council Chambers at City Hall. The following members were present: Don Smith, Jerry Steffes, Randy Corcoran, Linda Larson, Richard Wieser, Dave Hanifl and Ex-officio members John Graf and Shawn Wetterlin. Earl Welch and Bill Waller were not in attendance. Paul Kenaga was also in attendance

1. Meeting was called to order by Chairman Smith and roll call taken. The minutes of March 5th and 20th, 2013, were approved as written by the consensus of the Planning Commission.
2. The Planning Commission continued a discussion of the Zoning Ordinance text amendments. Chairman Smith reminded the commission that the three requests that were asked of the City Administrator, City Engineer and the City Attorney were not answered as of yet. It was the consensus of the Planning Commission to wait until the May 7th Planning Commission meeting for the input of the City Administrator, City Engineer and the City Attorney before the finished document is sent to the City Council for a final vote on May 13, 2013.
3. The Planning Commission discussed the Plan of Work for 2013.
 - It was decided that Michelle Vrieze of CEDA would be invited to the next meeting, May 7th, 2013 to discuss the possibilities of another Small Cities grant.
 - Dave Hanifl will have copies of the City of La Crosse Sign Ordinance to discuss electronic signs at the June 4th, 2013.
 - Jerry Steffes and Paul Kenaga will begin working on the “home improvement incentive program” and report back as soon as possible.
 - Linda Larson volunteered to work with the County and others on the implementation of the bike/ped plan.
4. Linda Larson presented a synopsis of the 2nd in the on-line Land Use Series; “Creating the Ground Rules: Developing Land Use Plans and Laws. In her opinion, this would be a good start to beginning the new Comprehensive Plan for the City of La Crescent. Dick Wieser, Don Smith, Dave Hanifl and Jerry Steffes all asked to be signed up. John Graf decided to take the 1st class and keep the insurance discount in place.
5. Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:40.