



03/19/2018 Minutes

Meeting started at 6:05 and adjourned at 7:40

Attendance: 24 + 2 guests

We sent out a mailing to all addresses in the HNA boundary (over 500) to inform people of the Capital Improvement funds that the Mayor awarded to us. We were very pleased by the turnout and have had others sign up to be a part of our social committee, safety committee and our parks committee.

1. Linda Bye, Co-chair, reviewed our action plan with the three major points being Highland Park, safety in the neighborhood, and, Membership and social events. She informed the group of the Capital Improvement Funds awarded to our neighborhood association and then introduced Tim Acklin to speak to the group in much more detail regarding this.
2. Guest speaker – Tim Acklin, Senior Planner, City of La Crosse Planning Dept. Tim discussed the Capital Improvement Funds and he explained the types of improvements that would fall under this, such as: parks, roads, lighting, curb/gutter, sidewalks, trees etc. Tim will work with us to understand costs so we can vote on what is important to us and where we will get the most for the dollars we have.
  - a. We did a general showing of hands who were interested in exploring the costs to get Highland Park back as a park and not an empty lot. The majority raised their hands so this in an area that we will get pricing on. There were four people interested in helping on this committee that Denise B. (secretary) is heading so contacts will be made with them and in addition, Denise will contact Dan Trussoni from the Parks Department with a small list of possibilities to see what we have space for.
  - b. Lighting was a hot topic as many would like to see more “street” lighting but not the “pedestrian” lighting as that is very bright and high in numbers. We do not have sidewalks in most of our area and many felt that more cobra type fixtures would be enough.
  - c. The condition of the streets was discussed and Tim laid out the proposed street improvements and many of our streets fell into the next 5 years for repairs.
  - d. Planting of trees on the boulevards.
  - e. Sidewalks and water well quality were also discussed.
  - f. The possible need for some yield signs to be put up on high traffic intersections for safety.
3. It was explained that it is very important that people attend these meetings so we get feedback from many. People must attend at least two meetings to be able to vote and everyone’s vote counts.
4. Our website is: [www.cityoflacrosse.org/planning/neighborhoods/hintgen](http://www.cityoflacrosse.org/planning/neighborhoods/hintgen)
5. Sue Bluske, Co-chair, discussed the two fundraisers planned: April 13<sup>th</sup> and June 1<sup>st</sup> we will be serving food at the Brat Barn at Festival Foods in the Village Shopping Center from 11:00 to 4:00. We would use the funds for insurance and for social events. We need volunteers to work this.

**The next meeting will be April 15, 6:30 – 7:30 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 4141 Mormon Coulee Rd, La Crosse.**