

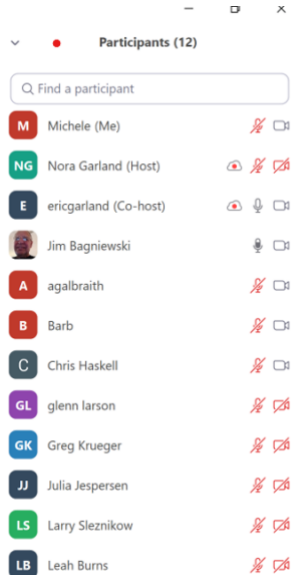


**Agenda for May 18, 2021**  
**Virtual Meeting on Zoom**  
**Meeting starting at 7:00 PM**

View a recording of the meeting here: <https://www.genalacrosse.org/recorded-meetings>

**Welcome and Introductions (7:00)**

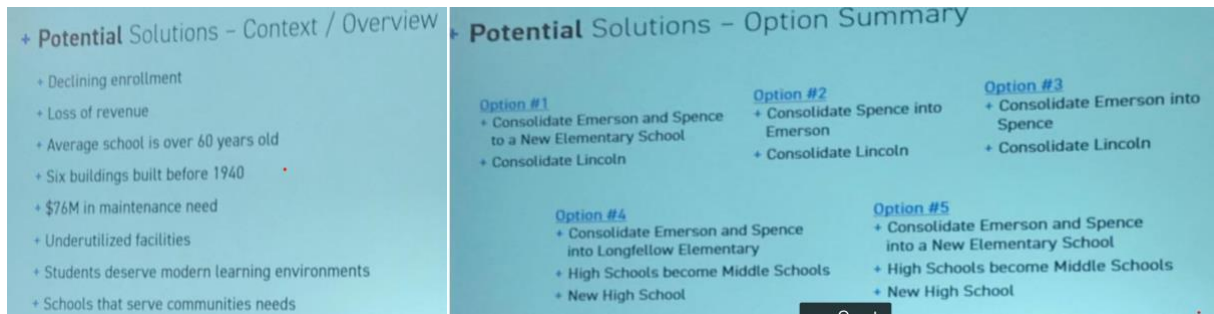
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**Strengthen Relations**

- ❖ Jim Bagniewski, Chair of the Bluffside Neighborhood Association, will overview what's planned for and how to participate in our joint neighborhood recycling morning coming up this Saturday from 9 - 12 at Kmart. **A few volunteers are needed to help.**
  - Saturday May 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Kmart parking lot. There will be 4 dumpsters on site for electronics, scrap metal and paper shredding. Fees apply only for tvs (\$20) and appliances with freon (\$15). Gently used furniture will also be collected for <https://www.theexchangelacrosse.org/>.
- ❖ Summary of a meeting with La Crosse School District personnel on their long range planning process and its possible implications for Emerson Elementary School.

- The meeting was a focus group to talk about facility needs in the La Crosse School District. They reviewed maintenance needs, and the large cost discrepancy to the budget. Many solutions would impact Emerson. Some slides are shared below:



❖ Updates from our local city and county reps as available:

➤ Larry Sleznikow

- The Historic sign has been fixed. Thank you's to Tim Aklin, the City Legal Dept, Jay Odegaard (Parks and Rec Director) and Fowler and Hammer for getting this done quickly. Insurance reimbursement is still pending. 29<sup>th</sup> St S neighbors are concerned about speeding so temporary speed bumps have been installed. Vehicles speeding in neighborhoods is a common complaint. Work will begin on a ped/bike crossing at King St and West to make King an East/West greenway. Nora commented that dirt fill used after street work results in all weeds. Per question Larry will check if Main is scheduled to be redone.

➤ Barb Janssen

- Habitat Restore is having a pickup at Losey and Main. Kmart update- Marvin Wanders (360 Real Estate) is collaborating with the current owners for possible housing and commercial space. City hall is gradually reopening starting June 1. Groundbreaking occurred for the new waste water treatment plant which will be self-sustaining and even provide electricity. The La Crosse County Historical Society is hiring for its Heritage Museum. An Envision 2050 Survey is out for the County: <https://publicinput.com/O5004>.

➤ Maureen Freedland

- Not present, information was given via Eric- The HHS board passed a resolution on racism as a public health crisis. Grant \$ for youth/family services was received. Pfas is in the landfill as well, but there are currently no standards of acceptable levels. Legislation needs to pass to enforce next steps.

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- Tim Acklin -not present.
- ❖ Neighborhood updates:
  - Repair of historic district sign
  - Large Item pickup between May 17 and 28 **on your regular recycling day**
  - Veterans Memorial Pool opening, hours, and parking permits
    - Opening is Saturday June 5th. Hours will be 9-7:30 pm. New shade structures are up. Capacity will be limited to 200.
    - UWL is offering pool parking at lot 9. Permits may be purchased at the Campus Police Office for \$25/month or \$65/summer.
  - King and 17th roundabout planting
  - Neighborhood Night Out - August 3<sup>rd</sup>
    - Still tentative

### Support Administration

- ❖ Approve March meeting minutes (attached); Motion to approve made by Barb and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chris. All approve, **Motion passed.**
- ❖ Treasurer's Report: There has been no activity since the last meeting (March). The Bank Account remains at \$946.18. We were notified some donations came in through PayPal, however the funds and information has not yet been passed to GENA from LCNI.
- ❖ Need for fundraising to support GENA gardens
  - Can send a check to the PO Box or use Paypal donation links.

### Enhance Livability

- ❖ GENA garden committee will be needing volunteers intermittently to help maintain our neighborhood gardens. Also, please consider being a volunteer for the Victory vegetable garden at city hall by contacting Carolyn Dvorak.
  - Carolyn will be planting tomatoes Tuesday the 25<sup>th</sup> at 3:00. Tuesdays at 3:00 is a standing time.

### Engage Members

#### Open Forum

- ❖ *Suggestions for the Good of the Neighborhood:*
- ❖ *Thank-Yous:*

**Upcoming Meetings and Events** Possibly on June 15, 2021, if there is business to conduct  
Otherwise off until September

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