

April 2025 Monthly Activity Report
Department of Community & Economic Development

Economic Development and Tourism

- Through CDA, First Impressions program community assessment and marketing program is being implemented with Dodgeville, WI. UWEX is assisting with the program.
- Several facade grants have been approved this year between \$500 and \$5,100. All in downtown.
- Submitted information to MADREP and WEDC for locating a dairy manufacturer (Project Farwell) in Gateway Business Park (Hwy 73/151).
- The Tourism Commission has received 10 applications by 6 organizations for its room tax reimbursement grant aimed at promoting and developing tourism through development, marketing, and event funding. The applications will be reviewed and scored, and organizations will send a final report to receive reimbursement.

Planning, Zoning, and Building Inspections

- Working on code re-write. Staff working on contract language with Vandewalle and City Attorney
- Answering calls and assisting citizens, appraisers, title companies on zoning questions
- Building and Zoning Permits
 - Year-to-date Zoning Permits Issued: 7
 - Staff are currently working with applicants on 11 other zoning permits.
 - Year-To-Date Building Permits Issued: 36
 - Three commercial site plan reviews are in progress.
 - Cardinal Heights Plat plans approved
 - The Crest at Cardinal Heights site plan approved.

Historic Preservation

- HLPC is currently in process to locally designate City Hall as a historic property. The designation application has been approved, and a preliminary hearing has been scheduled for May 28, 2025. If the application moves forward at that meeting, then a public hearing will be scheduled along with possible action taken.
- HLPC will be hosting its Summer Concert series in June, July, and August again this year.
- Staff is working with DPW to place markers of a existing historic district
- Staff is working with HLPC to right size a smaller scope for the remodeling of the Resthaven building