

# OUR CITY OUR STORIES

How can everyone's stories be documented and told in our community?

How do the stories from historically under-represented peoples reflect on the community at large?

How might the community change and evolve knowing that La Crosse, like all cities in our complicated and nuanced world, has its prejudices, struggles, and injustices?

*Hear, Here* sees itself as a vehicle for all stories in the community – both those that praise and that challenge traditional views. It is an opportunity for people to have public conversations about how we might create a more ideal and just city.

We at *Hear, Here* hope that citizens of La Crosse will see the stories as an opportunity for education, growth, and change.



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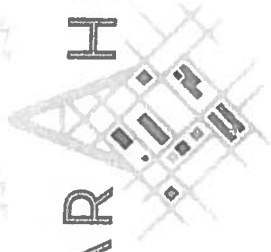
Citizens of La Crosse hear about the big history of the city. We know about our founder, Nathan Myrick, and lumber barons like the Hixons.

We hear about the 90.2% White population.

We do not hear about the 9.8% made up of Black, Hmong, Ho Chunk, and other ethnic groups.

Groups like the LGBTQ\*, the foreign nationals, and the homeless have often been overlooked in our history.

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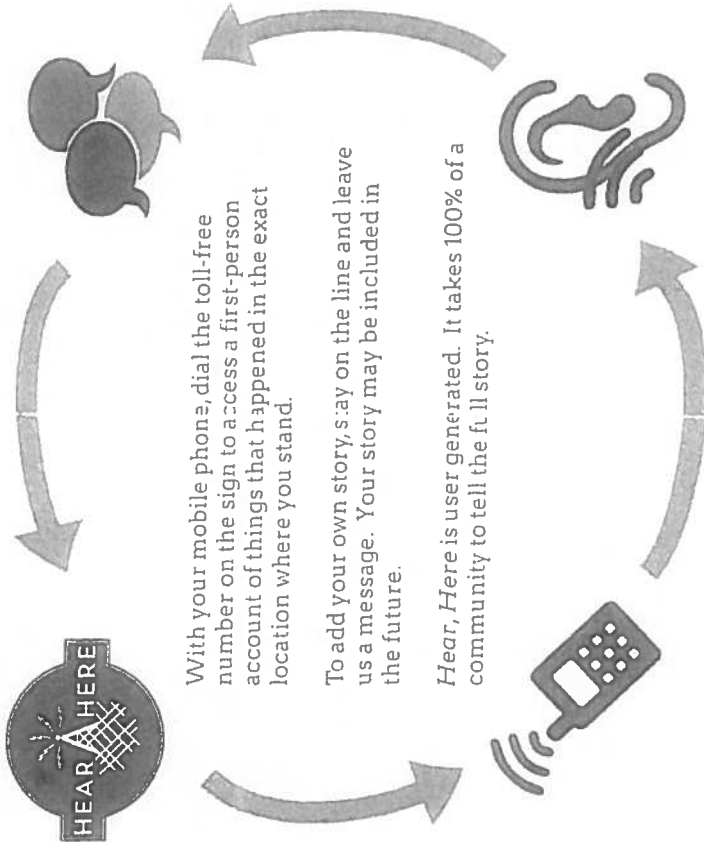


Voices of Downtown La Crosse




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# ON THE STREET

Around downtown, orange street signs with the *Hear, Here* logo show you where stories are located.



# FIND THE STORIES

-  Project launch 2015
-  Stories added 2016
-  Stories added 2017
-  Poetry contest 2017

