

RESOLUTION

Resolution authorizing the creation of a Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee.

WHEREAS, the City Planning and Development Department prepared a Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan that outlines specific goals and objectives that will improve La Crosse's bicycle and pedestrian network, that will allow La Crosse to be designated Gold with the League of American Bicyclists, and designated as a Walkable Community; and,

WHEREAS, the Common Council demonstrated its support by adopting the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan by Ordinance at its November 2012 Common Council Meeting; and,

WHEREAS, the number one recommendation in the plan is to appoint a Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator and establish a standing Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee; and,

WHEREAS, this Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee would consist of the City Staff, Citizen Members, and one Common Council Member; and,

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest to improve the environment by reducing a City's dependence on motor vehicles, reduce traffic by getting more cars off the roads, and improve the health of its residents by promoting physical activity; and,

WHEREAS, upon creation of this Committee, the City Planning and Development Department will staff the Committee until a permanent City Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator is appointed; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of La Crosse, Wisconsin, hereby establishes a Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee to act as an advisory body to the Common Council in implementing the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan, the Comprehensive Plan (primarily the Transportation Element), and any other specific regional transportation plans.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee shall consist of the City Traffic Engineer, five (5) citizens and one (1) Council Member who shall be appointed by the Mayor subject to approval by the Council. No salary or compensation shall be paid to any member of said Commission for his or her services as Commissioner. All members shall be residents of the City and consist of:

- (1) City Traffic Engineer
- (2) One (1) at large representative. Member should include a person with interest and expertise in bicycle and pedestrian issues.
- (3) One (1) Council Member
- (4) One (1) member representing Safe Routes to School initiatives
- (5) One (1) member representing Healthy Living initiatives

- (6) One (1) member representing Bicycle/Pedestrian advocacy issues
- (7) One (1) member representing the City of La Crosse Police Department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the powers and duties of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee shall consist of:

- (1) Advise the Common Council on updating, maintaining, and implementing the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan and the Transportation Element of the Comprehensive Plan.
- (2) Work to achieve Gold Designation by the League of American Bicyclists and designate La Crosse as Walkable Community.
- (3) Promoting the integration of bicycling and walking in the City of La Crosse's planning, engineering, design and development of transportation facilities by implementation of the Green Complete Streets Ordinance
- (4) Make recommendations to the City with regard to the capital and operating budget to identify bicycle and pedestrian needs, services, programs, or facilities.
- (5) Work with the local organizations and programs to educate all age groups on safe bicycling and walking skills
- (6) Developing and distributing informational, educational and promotional materials for bicyclists, pedestrians and motorists.
- (7) Work with the WisDOT, LAPC, School District of La Crosse and other Agencies and City Departments to ensure these entities are aware of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan and its relevance to those entities plans, programs, policies, and projects.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the that the Mayor, City Clerk, and the Planning & Development Department are hereby authorized to take any and all steps necessary to effectuate this resolution.