

**CITY OF LA CROSSE, WISCONSIN
CITY PLAN COMMISSION
REPORT
October 4, 2021**

➤ **AGENDA ITEM – 21-1277 (Lewis Kuhlman)**

Resolution establishing the City Plan Commission as the steering committee for the comprehensive planning process.

➤ **ROUTING:** J&A 10.5.2021

➤ **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The intention behind this resolution is to begin the public planning process for La Crosse's comprehensive plan, which will address how the community wants the city to develop over the next twenty years. La Crosse's 2002 comprehensive plan, *Confluence*, is nearly nineteen years old. The State requires that it be updated at least every ten years and La Crosse is overdue. The State also says the function and duty of the City Plan Commission is to make and adopt a master plan for the physical development of the city.

The steering committee will provide guidance and support for the comprehensive planning process. Their purpose is to ensure meaningful community member input and to provide buy-in and ownership over the process and outcomes. Members will serve as representatives of the planning process to the community, promoting opportunities for public participation and accepting feedback and input. The steering committee is responsible to represent and be accountable to the community, while working within the policies and procedures of the City of La Crosse.

The Steering Committee will:

- Establish and attend regular meetings.
- Select consultants to assist the comprehensive planning process.
- Identify local needs and priority target groups.
- Provide input into comprehensive plan process, evaluating its progress, and providing ongoing direction and support.
- Make recommendations to planning staff and the consultant team.

The steering committee is expected to:

- Attend meetings regularly and participate actively.
- Review materials by agreed upon deadlines.
- Make an effort to understand diverse perspectives.
- Assist with public outreach activities.
- Engage and participate in meetings and discussions in a mutually respectful manner.

➤ **GENERAL LOCATION:**

Not applicable.

➤ **RECOMMENDATION OF OTHER BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:**

Not applicable.

➤ **CONSISTENCY WITH ADOPTED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:**

This resolution is consistent with the Implementation Plan objective for the City Plan Commission to periodically review and amend the comprehensive plan.

➤ **PLANNING RECOMMENDATION:**

Approval – making and implementing the comprehensive plan is the City Plan Commission’s main purpose.