

Resolution approving developing the Naval Reserve Site as a “Pocket Neighborhood” and appropriation of funds for site planning and architectural services.

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, City Planning and Development has advertised the sale of lots at the Naval Reserve site on two occasions for eight single-family home lots which yielded no credible offers; and

WHEREAS, a neighborhood meeting was held on October 24, 2012 and nearly as many community members favored the pocket neighborhood concept as favored the eight single-family home lots; and

WHEREAS, the ten to twelve cottage-style homes proposed for the pocket neighborhood would be owner-occupied single-family homes and would diversify La Crosse’s housing stock, and also support senior citizen living; and

WHEREAS, pocket neighborhoods are being used extensively in the northwest and are a new concept for La Crosse and require special expertise to incorporate into La Crosse’s urban fabric.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of La Crosse, that it hereby authorizes the City Planning and Development Department to work with the City Engineering Department to hire a Planning and Landscape Architectural firm and an Architect for the site design of a pocket neighborhood for the Naval Reserve site.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Housing Rehabilitation Review Board will be responsible for evaluating and selecting the best proposal for the City and negotiating and entering into a Professional Services Agreement for such planning, landscape architecture, and architectural services on behalf of the City.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the cost for such services shall not exceed \$12,500 and shall be appropriated from the CDBG Planning Funds (\$7,172.81 from 2011 CDBG Planning Funds 22548215-578102 and \$5,327.19 from 2012 CDBG Planning Funds 22558215-22558215-578120) and that any proceeds from the sale of the lots be placed as “Program Income” to the Federal HUD Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Common Council directs the Housing Rehabilitation Review Board, Planning and Development Department, Engineering Department and all other appropriate City officials to take all action necessary to effectuate this Resolution and the final development plans be submitted to the Common Council for final approval prior to proceeding with the development.