

Resolution creating the La Crosse Branch Library Ad Hoc Task Force.

AMENDED RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the north-side and south-side branch libraries are vital neighborhood centers for the educational, social, and cultural growth and development of La Crosse and are critical components to the City's neighborhood revitalization program; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin State Statutes 43.58 authorizes the La Crosse Library Board the task of management and oversight of the municipal library system; and

WHEREAS, the La Crosse Library Board recommended the closure of the South Branch Library as an option for addressing the ~~on-going budget deficits~~ fiscal stress of the City budget process and lack of state funding faced by the La Crosse Library Board; and

WHEREAS, it is critically important to gather community ideas, input, and recommendations to address the operation of the branch libraries in La Crosse in order to keep them open and functioning for the long-term.

NOW, THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of La Crosse that the La Crosse Branch Library Ad Hoc Task Force is hereby created.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the La Crosse Branch Library Ad Hoc Task Force be comprised of up to ~~nine (9)~~ seven (7) members; two (2) of which may be non-residents appointed by the Mayor including representatives of north-side and south-side neighborhood groups, the La Crosse Library Board, two (2) members from the La Crosse Common Council – one being from the north side and one being from the south side, La Crosse County Board, La Crosse School District, and other community representatives.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the purpose of the La Crosse Branch Library Ad Hoc Task Force is to develop operational, management, and financial recommendations for insuring the long-term future of the branch libraries in La Crosse and to report those recommendations to the La Crosse Library Board and La Crosse Common Council.