Resolution creating the La Crosse historic and cultural museum planning task force.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, La Crosse is a region rich in history, yet lacks a central facility dedicated to sharing the stories of our area's history, culture and development; and

WHEREAS, a La Crosse history and cultural museum would be a place devoted to sharing the stories of native people, early American settlers, and immigrants with each other and with the broader world; and

WHEREAS, because La Crosse history is closely tied to the Mississippi River, a La Crosse history and cultural museum should include exhibits and programming that take inspiration from the river and from people's interaction with it over time; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to explore the potential for a destination museum, including evaluation of community support, potential sites, and the economic viability of different models as part of the long-term solutions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of La Crosse that it hereby creates the La Crosse history and cultural museum planning task force.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall consist of up to ten (10) community members including up to four (4) members who may be non-residents and one (1) Council Member chosen by the Mayor and subject to confirmation by the Common Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that non-voting staff and community members representing various community interests to advise the task force shall be chosen by the Mayor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that \$10,000 from the contingency fund account is hereby appropriated for the planning process including funds for communications, public meeting notices and materials, funds for studies, reports and analyses and planning task force related expenses.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the charge of said task force is to engage the community to better understand interest and potential support for a La Crosse history and cultural museum, to gather information on programming, exhibits, displays, education and administrative needs, to gather information on possible locations, and to provide recommendations about the planning, timing, funding and partnerships needed to help develop a La Crosse history and cultural museum.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said task force presents its findings to the Common Council no later than November 1, 2018.

I, Teri Lehrke, certify that this resolution was duly and officially adopted by the Common Council of the City of La Crosse on January 11, 2018.

Jeri Lehrke

Teri Lehrke, City Clerk City of La Crosse, Wisconsin