REPORT OF COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Mayor and Common Council of the City of La Crosse:

Your Highways, Properties & Utilities Committee, on August 8, 2000, having under consideration the annexed resolution authorizing the Mayor to appoint a special committee per the request of the Board of Park Commissioners relative to the statute of “Hiawatha” on the north end of Riverside Park, recommends adoption of the second amended resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

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SECOND AMENDED RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of La Crosse that per the request of the Board of Park Commissioners, the Mayor is hereby authorized to appoint a special committee to consider the future of the Statute of “Hiawatha” located at the north end of Riverside Park.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such committee be made up of members of the Board of Park Commissioners, Common Council Members, representatives of Native American Nations and members of the La Crosse community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee allow a direct member of the family, or the family may designate a representative, who is not a City residents to be a committee member, subject to appointment by the Mayor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such committee shall consist of no more than nine (9) members.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such committee’s consideration may include exploration of funding alternatives.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such special committee report its recommendations or findings to the Board of Park Commissioners and if necessary the City Plan Commission within ninety (90) days of passage of this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such special committee shall be subject to confirmation by the Common Council.

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Approved: ________
MOTION

THAT THE COMMITTEE ON THE HIAWATHA STATUE RECOMMEND TO THE LACROSSE COMMON COUNCIL TO RETAIN, REFURBISH AND MAINTAIN THE STATUE KNOWN AS HIAWATHA LOCATED IN RIVERSIDE PARK.

FURTHER THAT THE COMMITTEE RECOMMEND TO THE CITY COUNCIL THAT THEY DIRECT A PLAQUE (AS SUGGESTED BY DALE LITTLEJOHN, A HO-CHUNK TRIBAL MEMBER) BE ERECTED AT THIS LOCATION AND THAT THE PLAQUE SHOULD STATE: THAT THE STATUE WAS ERECTED TO HONOR THE NATIVE PEOPLE OF THIS AREA AND IS NOT MEANT TO STEREOTYPE ANY RACE AGAINST THE OTHER, AND OF THE GOOD NEIGHBOR RELATIONS THAT THE NATIVE AMERICAN AND THE WHITE REFUGEES HAD IN THE EARLY SETTLING OF LACROSSE.

FINALLY THAT THE LACROSSE COMMON COUNCIL DIRECT THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT SET UP AND MAINTAIN A SPECIAL FUND IN A LOCAL SAVINGS INSTITUTION SO THAT INDIVIDUALS, ORGANIZATIONS AND BUSINESSES CAN CONTRIBUTE TO THE REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE OF THE STATUE AND PLAQUE.