

**TOWN OF FAIRFAX
STAFF REPORT**

To: Mayor, Members of the Town Council
From: Michael Rock, Town Manager 
Date: December 7, 2011
Subject: Discussion/Consideration of the Establishment of a Cittaslow Committee

RECOMMENDATION

Discuss and consider adopting Resolution No. 11-

BACKGROUND

In the Spring of 2010, the Town of Fairfax, Fairfax Chamber of Commerce, and Sustainable Fairfax collaborated to apply for certification in Cittaslow International movement of slow towns and cities. After significant international evaluation, under these categories: environmental protection and sustainability, local products, hospitality, infrastructure, road safety, bicycle paths, historic buildings, new technology, cultural and historical values and diversity and unique town identity, Fairfax was designated a Cittaslow town in June, 2010, making it just the second Cittaslow community in the United States.

Cittaslow accreditation is recognition of the history of Fairfax, work that has been done to preserve our town and work that is yet to come to keep us striving to root in the past as we move into the future; and Fairfax became the second Cittaslow town in the United States.

A Cittaslow Committee would create activities and events within the definition of Cittaslow criteria to enrich our community, work to raise yearly dues, and maintain a relationship with Cittaslow communities throughout the world. Other activities and events that promote the mission of the Cittaslow Committee could include place making activities that draw attention to the unique character of community including murals, mosaics, or other installations of artistic renderings that are reflective of our unique character.

The Cittaslow Committee is charged with the responsibility to hold regular meetings not less than once every two months and provide a yearly report to the Town Council summarizing its activities and its budget.

It is recommended that this Committee should consist of one representative from:

- The Town Council
- Fairfax Chamber of Commerce
- Sustainable Fairfax
- The Volunteer Board
- At least two members from the community at-large with a maximum of 9 total members on the Committee

ATTACHMENTS

Resolution No. 11- creating a Cittaslow Committee

RESOLUTION NO. 11—

A RESOLUTION OF THE FAIRFAX TOWN COUNCIL TO CREATE A CITTASLOW COMMITTEE AND DIRECT STAFF TO GATHER THE NAMES OF QUALIFIED APPLICANTS FOR SUBSEQUENT APPOINTMENT BY TOWN COUNCIL

WHEREAS, In the Spring of 2010, the Town of Fairfax, Fairfax Chamber of Commerce, and Sustainable Fairfax collaborated to apply for certification in Cittaslow International movement of slow towns and cities; and

WHEREAS, After significant international evaluation, under these categories: environmental protection and sustainability, local products, hospitality, infrastructure, road safety, bicycle paths, historic buildings, new technology, cultural and historical values and diversity and unique town identity, Fairfax was designated a Cittaslow town in June, 2010, making it just the second Cittaslow community in the United States. Cittaslow accreditation is recognition of the history of Fairfax, work that has been done to preserve our town and work that is yet to come to keep us striving to root in the past as we move into the future; and Fairfax became the second Cittaslow town in the United States; and

WHEREAS, In order to carry out the mission of a Cittaslow community the Town Council finds it necessary to create a Cittaslow Committee, and

WHEREAS, The Cittaslow Committee mission would be to promote education and opportunities to show respect to the natural and human history of the area and the peoples connecting the past to the present; and

WHEREAS, A Cittaslow Committee would create activities and events within the definition of Cittaslow criteria to enrich our community, work to raise yearly dues, and maintain a relationship with Cittaslow communities throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, other activities and events that promote the mission of the Cittaslow Committee could include place making activities that draw attention to the unique character of community including murals, mosaics, or other installations of artistic renderings that are reflective of our unique character; and

WHEREAS, further activities could include local community feasts drawing on seasonal and local food as well as offering by local restaurateurs; activities and events that highlight local skilled craftspeople and collaborations with other commissions and community organizations bringing awareness, education and advocacy related to Cittaslow criteria topics.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council hereby establishes the formation of a Cittaslow Committee consisting of one representative from the Town Council, one from the Chamber of Commerce, one from Sustainable Fairfax, one from the Volunteer Board, and at least two members from the community at-large, with a maximum of nine total Committee members and directs staff to publicly notice the openings for such a committee, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Cittaslow Commission is charged with the responsibility to hold regular meetings not less than once every two months and provide a yearly report to the Town Council summarizing its activities and its budget.

The foregoing resolution was duly introduced and adopted on the 7th day of December, 2011, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

Pam Hartwell-Herrero, Mayor

ATTEST:

Judy Anderson, Town Clerk