

Midway Plaisance Advisory Committee

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Resolution: To Establish the Pathway Committee to Explore the Creation of Bicycle/Hiking Paths on the Midway Plaisance

It is proposed to establish a new committee to explore the potential of creating bicycle/hiking paths east-west along the outer panels of the Midway Plaisance. The Committee Chair, as appointed by the MPAC President, shall be MPAC member Mary Anton. Membership shall be composed voluntarily and drawn from MPAC and surrounding communities.

Background:

Partial and deteriorated bike paths have been uncovered along the outer panels of the Midway Plaisance. It has been suggested that these paths were once part of push chair routes that connected the Columbian Exposition and Midway Plaisance fair grounds. It has been proposed that these paths might be repurposed as bicycle/hiking paths that would make an east-west connection from the lakefront and Jackson Park to Washington Park. The resulting paths would provide an important east-west connection to allow bikers and walkers access from along the full length of the lakefront to the full South Parks system, adjacent communities, the University of Chicago and DuSable Museum campuses, and the transportation, cultural, and business amenities south west of the Midway and south of Washington Park.

Scope:

The Pathway Committee shall be tasked to develop a plan for an east-west pathway system that takes into account the history of the Midway and the planning and development guidelines of the Midway Plaisance Framework Plan.

BE IT RESOLVED, MPAC authorizes the establishment of the Pathway Committee as a Committee of MPAC to implement the planning process as set forth in the above Scope.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Pathway Committee shall make progress reports to MPAC from time to time as work progresses and shall submit a final recommendation for review and approval by MPAC at the conclusion of its work.