

MINUTES

Dane County Cities and Villages Association

January 11, 2017

ATTENDANCE:

Belleville:
Black Earth:
Blue Mounds:
Brooklyn:
Cambridge:
Cottage Grove:
Cross Plains: Administrator Caitlin Stene
Dane: President Roger Schmidt
Deerfield:
DeForest: President Judd Blau
Edgerton:
Fitchburg: Mayor Steve Arnold, Administrator Patrick Marsh
Madison: Mayor Paul Soglin, Government Relations Officer Nick Zavos
Maple Bluff:
Marshall:
Mazomanie:
McFarland:
Middleton: Finance Director Bill Burns
Monona: Mayor Bob Miller
Mount Horeb: Trustee Ryan Czyzewski
Oregon:
Rockdale:
Shorewood Hills:
Stoughton:
Sun Prairie:
Verona: Mayor Jon Hochkammer
Waunakee: Administrator Todd Schmidt
Windsor: President Bob Wipperfurth
Others Present: Forbes McIntosh and Ann Gryphan, GPS/DCCVA
Steve Steinhoff, Capital Area Regional Planning Commission

1. **Call to Order.** The DCCVA membership meeting was called to order by DCCVA President C. Verona Mayor Jon Hochkammer at 12:05 p.m. at the Madison Central Public Library in City of Madison. A quorum was present with 11 member communities represented. The members were greeted by C. Madison Mayor Paul Soglin.
2. **Approval of Minutes.** C. Fitchburg Mayor Steve Arnold made a motion to approve the minutes from the DCCVA meeting on November 16, 2016, seconded by V. DeForest President Judd Blau and approved on a voice vote.
3. **Financial Report.** DCCVA Treasurer Bill Burns presented the financial report. The year-end balance is expected to be about \$44,000. The 2017 membership dues invoices were mailed out earlier this week, so members should receive those soon. C. Monona Mayor Bob Miller made a motion to approve the financial report, seconded by V. DeForest President Judd Blau and approved on a voice vote.
4. **Reports from Appointees to External Committees/Commissions.**
 - a. **CARPC:** Steve Arnold, Fitchburg mayor who also serves on Capital Area Regional Planning Commission as one of DCCVA's three appointees, said CARPC has held strategic planning retreats; is working proactively with municipal partners to have good regional planning that doesn't foster urban sprawl; has updated its website; has developed A Greater Madison Vision with other partners to clearly map how the area should develop; and much more. Steve Steinhoff, deputy executive director of CARPC, also gave a report on CARPC activities. He said CARPC separated the process for considering amendments to water quality plan and amendments to land use and transportation plan. A major update to the regional land use plan, A Greater Madison Vision, has been underway. CARPC will also be doing a capacity study for Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD), their interceptor and pumping station capacities, to make sure they meet their needs; they do this once every 20 years and it is a major study. He said CARPC recently decided to designate the chair as a paid employee to receive a stipend of \$6,000/year for filling some of the duties of an executive director. Currently the chair is Larry Palm, but an election will be held tomorrow, and if he is elected he would be the executive chair. Steinhoff also said 2017 will have a major focus on public participation and stakeholder involvement. Steinhoff was asked about the splitting of the USA amendment process, and he said there was only positive feedback about that change. He also said there has been more of a focus on getting more information upfront from applicants before the 90-day approval window starts to tick, helping to meet the new approval timeline. Hochkammer said with the visioning process, CARPC is talking more to millennials, and Steinhoff said there is more emphasis on distributing information online and on social media, and going to events millennials are more likely to be at.
 - b. **MMSD:** C. Madison Mayor Paul Soglin inquired how the MMSD governance change implemented had been going. Forbes McIntosh said his impression is that

the new Commission is working well. He has been attending many of the meetings and the interaction of the new Commission seems positive. Forbes said that he has been talking with MMSD director Michael Mucha, and the Commission is open to providing additional presentations to the MMSD user municipalities at future DCCVA meetings. Further, Mr. Mucha and Forbes have discussed a special meeting in late summer or early fall to update, educate and receive feedback of user municipalities about proposed MMSD budgets. Mayor Jon Hochkammer said Mucha gave a presentation to DCCVA last year at the membership meeting at the V. Mazomanie and feedback he has received to date has also been positive. Mayor Steve Arnold said Fitchburg's planning director is a MMSD board member and it was important that MMSD retained some continuity in its board members with the change in appointees and that helped with the transition. Mayor Soglin said Madison had significant discussions with MMSD officials about the proposed rate increases. Forbes McIntosh said he attended the MMSD meetings on the budget and the concerns raised by the C. Madison were discussed, which led to a modified final budget. Village President Judd Blau said his village has been receiving more information about MMSD since Commissioner Ken Clark of DeForest was appointed to the MMSD Commission. McIntosh said the Association will continue to invite both the MMSD executive director and city/village appointees to future meetings.

5. **DaneCom Update.** McIntosh said there is not much new to report since the last membership meeting, but he did ask members to please provide feedback on the new system. There was discussion of a press conference to announce the successful implementation of DaneCom, but this was delayed to allow staff to deal with a few outstanding issues the associations representing fire chiefs and police chiefs had identified. V. Dane President Roger Schmidt said they were still experiencing some paging issues that DaneCom staff were still working to resolve. C. Madison Mayor Soglin suggested that DCCVA ensure any technical issues identified by emergency officials be resolved.
6. **Legislative Session Update.** McIntosh said the new legislative session began last week and more than 1,000 bills are already in drafting. The key issues for municipalities focus on transportation funding/road improvements and preserving local governance. Cell tower legislation is expected to be introduced soon. McIntosh asked DCCVA members for feedback on whether the cell tower issue was a priority for municipalities in this region. McIntosh also expects to see legislation on wetlands. DCCVA members briefly discussed issues that include: quarries/pre-exemption of ordinances, TIF bills coming, dark store/Walgreens assessment issues and possible legislation addressing that.
7. **Other Local Concerns.**
 - a. **Fire/EMS legislation:** Village President Judd Blau said V. DeForest and V. Windsor are working together to create a new fire district. There might also be legislation coming that would allow fire districts to become their own entity as a taxing jurisdiction. Some members said that if this legislation moves forward, there

should be elected officials on the fire district board, people representing the taxpayers.

- b. **County Population and Statutory Implications:** DCCVA members discussed state statute implications of a county reaching an official population of 500,000. Dane County has also identified the population issue as an important legislative priority.
- c. **Regional transit:** C. Madison Mayor Soglin raised the issue of regional transit and regional transit authorities as a priority. The membership discussed issues around service area, governance, funding\revenue and resident approval.
- d. **I39/90/94:** McIntosh said the Villages of DeForest and Windsor had identified I39/90/94 corridor bypass proposals as a priority issue. McIntosh discussed possible strategies and the need for local and regional consensus on the issue. No action was taken.

8. **Future Meetings.** The 2017 DCCVA meetings are:

- Wednesday, January 11, 2017, 12 p.m. (City of Madison)
- Wednesday, March 8, 2017, 5 p.m. (City of Middleton)
- Wednesday, May 3, 2017, 5:30 p.m. (The Breakwater, Monona)
- Wednesday, July 19, 2017, 12 p.m. (Village of Dane)
- Wednesday, September 20, 2017, 5 p.m. (Village of Waunakee)
- Wednesday, Nov. 15, 2017, 12 p.m. (LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED)

9. **Adjourn.** Steve Arnold made a motion to adjourn at 1:41 p.m., seconded by Paul Soglin and approved on a voice vote.