

MINUTES

Dane County Cities' and Villages' Association

January 27, 2016

ATTENDANCE:

Belleville:
Black Earth:
Blue Mounds:
Brooklyn:
Cambridge: Trustee Paula Hollenbeck
Cottage Grove:
Cross Plains:
Dane: Trustee Roger Schmidt
Deerfield: President Greg Frutiger, Administrator Elizabeth McCredie
DeForest: President Judd Blau
Edgerton:
Fitchburg: Mayor Steve Arnold, Alder Dorothy Krause, Administrator Patrick Marsh
Madison: Govt Relations Officer Nick Zavos
Maple Bluff:
Marshall: Administrator Sue Peck
Mazomanie:
McFarland:
Middleton: Mayor Kurt Sonnentag
Monona:
Mount Horeb:
Oregon:
Rockdale:
Shorewood Hills:
Stoughton:
Sun Prairie:
Verona: Mayor Jon Hochkammer
Waunakee: Assistant Administrator Caitlin Stene
Windsor: President Bob Wipperfurth
Others Present: Forbes McIntosh and Ann Gryphan, GPS/DCCVA

1. **Call to Order.** The business meeting was called to order by DCCVA President Mayor Jon Hochkammer at 5:07 p.m. at the Fitchburg Public Library in the City of Fitchburg. A quorum was present with 11 communities represented. Fitchburg Mayor Steve Arnold welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. **Approval of Minutes.** Bob Wipperfurth made a motion to approve the minutes from the DCCVA meeting on November 18, 2015, seconded by Roger Schmidt and approved on a voice vote.
3. **Financial Report.** Treasurer Bill Burns was not present at today's meeting. The financial report was held over until the next DCCVA meeting in March.
4. **Appointments to External Committees.** Forbes McIntosh said it is almost time for DCCVA to begin making its annual appointments to external committees. There will be two DCCVA appointments/reappointments coming this spring on the Capital Area Regional Planning Commission. One seat is to fill a vacant seat with a term to expire in spring 2017. A second seat that is due for reappointment is currently held by Steve Arnold of Fitchburg. McIntosh said he will also be checking when the Lakes and Watershed Commission appointment term expires. DCCVA will be sending out notices about appointments in February – please watch your email and consider serving or making an appointment. Hochkammer said DCCVA has been reaching out to individuals about the vacant CARPC seat but so far has not had anyone step forward willing to serve. If DCCVA does not have an elected official willing to serve on CARPC, the Executive Committee will move forward on appointing a city/village staff person instead of an elected official. There might be a new elected official willing to serve following the spring elections. Currently, two small cities are represented by CARPC commissioners: Steve Arnold of Fitchburg and Evan Touchett of Verona.
5. **Discussion About Potential Bylaws Revisions.** Hochkammer further discussed an item brought forward at the last DCCVA meeting – potentially revising the DCCVA bylaws to allow a city/village employee to be appointed to an external committee if no elected official is willing to serve. Gryphan distributed copies of the DCCVA bylaws. Members are asked to review the bylaws – any potential bylaws changes likely will be voted on at the May annual meeting.
6. **Legislative Update.** McIntosh gave a legislative update, saying committees in the state Assembly and Senate are meeting frequently now, up to two times per week, to conclude their business before the end of the legislative session and bills are moving at a rapid pace. DCCVA has been opposing a bill that would allow Dane County towns to opt out of county zoning. An amendment is being introduced to the bill and DCCVA representatives are meeting with legislators tomorrow on this issue. DCCVA was able to knock this initiative out of the state budget last summer, but it has a good chance at passage now as this standalone bill, despite opposition from DCCVA, Dane County and some Dane County towns.

7. **Next Meeting.** The preliminary 2016 DCCVA meeting dates are below. Cities/villages willing to host a meeting are asked to contact Ann Gryphan.
 - Wednesday, Jan. 27, 2016, 5 p.m. (Fitchburg)
 - Wednesday, March 9, 2016, 12 p.m. (Cross Plains)
 - Wednesday, May 11, 2016, 5:30 p.m. (annual meeting and dinner) (NOTE NEW DATE) (DeForest)
 - Wednesday, July 20, 2016, 7 a.m. (Still need a host)
 - Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2016, 5 p.m. (Cambridge)
 - Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2016, 12 p.m. (Middleton)

8. **Possible Discussion on Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District Intergovernmental Agreement.** McIntosh said there is an issue brewing with adaptive management costs at Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District and originally wanted to discuss this, but this issue might be resolved.

9. **Other Discussion Items. (CARPC)** Hochkammer noted that Verona's USA amendment was approved by the Capital Area Regional Planning Commission. CARPC staff originally indicated they could not meet the new 90-day review timeline enacted into state law last year, but the USA was recently approved on a 10-0 vote. Steve Arnold, who currently serves on CARPC, said CARPC staff is still working with the DNR on what the new procedure is and they're also looking at ways to speed up reviews, such as more flexibility at scheduling special meetings and getting print materials sooner for review by commissioners. Hochkammer reiterated his belief that CARPC should abolish its Budget and Personnel Panel. Notwithstanding the BPP, Steve Arnold expressed his overall support for keeping CARPC intact.

10. **Adjourn.** Kurt Sonnentag made a motion to adjourn at 6:10 p.m., seconded by Steve Arnold and approved on a voice vote.