

MINUTES

Dane County Cities and Villages Association

November 18, 2020

ATTENDANCE:

Belleville:
Black Earth:
Blue Mounds:
Brooklyn:
Cambridge:
Cottage Grove: Trustee Melissa Ratcliff
Cross Plains:
Dane:
Deerfield:
DeForest: President Judd Blau
Edgerton:
Fitchburg:
Madison: Deputy Mayor Reuben Sanon
Maple Bluff: Trustee Jim Schuler
Marshall:
Mazomanie:
McFarland: President Brad Czebotar, Trustee Carolyn Clow,
Administrator Matt Schuenke
Middleton: Mayor Gurdip Brar, Assistant Administrator/Finance
Director Bill Burns
Monona: Mayor Mary O'Connor
Mount Horeb: Trustee Ryan Czyzewski, Trustee Jason Fendrick
Oregon:
Rockdale:
Shorewood Hills:
Stoughton: Rodney Scheel
Sun Prairie: Mayor Paul Esser, Administrator Aaron Oppenheimer
Verona:
Waunakee: Assistant Administrator Caitlin Stene
Windsor: President Bob Wipperfurth
Others Present: Forbes McIntosh, GPS/DCCVA
Ann Gryphan, GPS/DCCVA
Bill Schaefer, Greater Madison MPO

Cheryl Wittke, Safe Communities
Justin Stuehrenberg, Madison Metro Transit Director
Steve Steinhoff and Mike Rupiper, Capital Area Regional
Planning Commission

1. **Call to Order.** The DCCVA membership meeting was called to order by V. of Windsor President Bob Wipperfurth at 12:03 p.m. The meeting was held virtually via Zoom technology. Twelve cities or villages were present, which is a quorum.
2. **Welcome Comments from the Virtual Host Community (Village of McFarland).** Village President Brad Czebotar (V. of McFarland) gave opening welcome comments. He briefed the members on things happening in McFarland, including the development of a new 117-unit subdivision, as well as a mixed-use development and a new public safety facility.
3. **Guest Speaker – Cheryl Wittke, Safe Communities.** Cheryl Wittke gave a presentation about Safe Communities, an injury-prevention organization in Dane County, which helps to address and prevent things such as the opioid epidemic, suicides, traffic crashes and elder falls. This coalition of public health leaders with more than 300 participating organizations and individuals works with the health care systems, emergency rooms, law enforcement agencies, schools, senior centers and gun shops on various injury-prevention initiatives in the county. Wittke reviewed some of their programs and initiatives and noted that updated outreach materials have been created for during the pandemic. Wittke also suggested that cities/villages consider including a Safe Communities membership in their 2022 municipal budgets.
4. **Guest Speaker – Justin Stuehrenberg, Madison Metro Transit.** Stuehrenberg, the new Madison Metro Transit director, discussed changes in transit services and operations due to the pandemic. He also gave an update on the bus rapid transit project that will run east to west within the City of Madison. They are also working on a network redesign project, with a study to take place in 2021 and implementation likely in 2022. Any communities considering joining the system are encouraged to be involved in this process.
5. **Approval of Minutes from Meetings of September 30, 2020.** Gurdip Brar (C. of Middleton) made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Mary O'Connor (C. of Monona) and approved on a voice vote.
6. **Treasurer's Report.** Treasurer Bill Burns (C. of Middleton) presented the financial report. The 2020 budget projection is being updated to reflect the cost of the DCCVA wage survey. The 2021 budget was approved at the last meeting. Voices are getting ready to be sent out by late November for 2021 dues. Paul Esser (C. of

Sun Prairie) made a motion to approve the financial report, seconded by Judd Blau (V. of DeForest) and approved on a voice vote.

7. Reports From External Committees/Boards/Commissions.

- a. **Lakes & Watershed Commission (Tracy Bailey):** Bob Wipperfurth reported that Tracy Bailey is resigning from Lakes and Watershed Commission due to time commitment conflicts. DCCVA leadership and staff will be working on finding nominees to fill this vacancy. Forbes McIntosh reported that at the last meeting they approved the legislative draft proposals for illicit stormwater discharge, Chapter 14 stormwater changes. He has heard no concerns about this from DCCVA members. It is on the agenda for tonight's meeting, as well as an update on lake level sediment removal process that is continuing.
- b. **Capital Area RPC (Maureen Crombie, Heidi Murphy, Jim Schuler):** Heidi Murphy reported that rebranding is complete, coordinating with Madison MPO. A GIS internship position is available. The 2021 work program was recently approved. They're working on two watershed planning projects for next year, working with partners to secure funding for monitoring system in watersheds and on regional development framework update. Jim Schuler also said they recently received an interesting report on telecommuting trends in Dane County during the pandemic, and he would be interested in seeing an update to this survey in the future.
- c. **DaneCom Governing Board (Valerie Zisman, Abigail Lowery, Melissa Ratcliff):** No report.
- d. **Greater Madison MPO (Mark Opitz, Doug Wood, Dorothy Krause):** Bill Schaefer of Greater Madison MPO also said the MPO is working on more public engagement. An annual transportation improvement program was recently adopted, and next year will be an update of the regional transportation plan.
- e. **Yahara CLEAN Compact Steering Committee (Carolyn Clow):** Carolyn Clow (V. of McFarland) reported that a consultant is being hired to help with stakeholder engagement.

8. DCCVA Wage Market Survey. Ann Gryphan (DCCVA) reported that a wage survey has gone out to all cities and villages in Dane County, as part of a commissioned wage survey. The survey was emailed to all city/village administrators or to a human resources director if one could be identified. Ann asked that people please reply to the survey.

9. Dane County discussion items.

- a. **County Board redistricting:** Forbes said the county board is in the process of redistricting, something that happens every 10 years following the release of the latest census data. The county board voted last month to

not reduce the county board size from 37 to 35, as had been proposed. The county board will remain at 37 members. A county redistricting commission has been put together to recommend possible changes to the supervisory district lines. Most of the work on this will take place in February/March/April.

- b. **County budget for 2021:** This was recently signed into law. Bob Wipperfurth said he has not heard any major concerns about the county budget.

10. **COVID-19 General Discussion.** The membership held a general discussion about the COVID-19 pandemic, in particular the newest county public health order and how it applies. Cities/villages also shared information on how they will be accepting property tax payments in coming weeks (mostly via dropbox, mail or in-person by appointment). Ann Gryphan also shared a link to an online dashboard where COVID-19 data by census tract in the Madison metro area can be viewed.

11. **Shared Services Workshop.** Ann Gryphan reminded members that a virtual shared services workshop will be held at 3 p.m. on December 2 via Zoom. The presenters are former Appleton Mayor Tim Hanna and Wisconsin Policy Forum Executive Director Rob Henken. All members are invited to participate.

12. **Legislative/Election Update.** Forbes McIntosh reported that Donald Trump is requesting a recount in Dane and Milwaukee counties. For the state elections, there is no change in majority in the Senate or Assembly, Republicans will retain the majority in both bodies in January 2021. Republicans picked up two seats in the state Senate, lost two seats in the state Assembly. There is a new co-chair of the Joint Finance Committee: Sen. Marklein will replace Sen. Darling on that committee. The new legislative session begins on Jan. 4, 2021. Jim Schuler inquired about the process for the county board to select a replacement for Paul Rusk on the county board.

13. Other Items/New Business

- Bob Wipperfurth welcomed and introduced the new City of Madison Deputy Mayor Reuben Sanon.

14. 2021 Meetings.

- Wednesday, Jan. 13, 2021, 12 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 10, 2021, 5 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 12, 2021, 5:30 p.m. (annual meeting)
- Wednesday, July 14, 2021, 12 p.m.
- Wednesday, Sept. 22, 2021, 5 p.m.

- Wednesday, Nov. 17, 2021, 12 p.m.

15. **Adjourn.** Gurdip Brar (C. of Middleton) made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:26 p.m., seconded by Mary O'Connor (C. of Monona), and approved on a voice vote.