

MINUTES

Dane County Cities and Villages Association

March 13, 2019

ATTENDANCE:

Belleville:
Black Earth:
Blue Mounds:
Brooklyn:
Cambridge:
Cottage Grove: Trustee Melissa Ratcliff
Cross Plains:
Dane: President Roger Schmidt
Deerfield: President Greg Frutiger, Administrator Liz McCredie
DeForest: President Judd Blau, Administrator Steve Fahlgren, Trustee Abigail Lowery
Edgerton:
Fitchburg:
Madison: Government Relations Officer Nick Zavos, Transportation Director Tom Lynch
Maple Bluff:
Marshall: President John Schuepbach, Administrator Adam Ruechel
Mazomanie:
McFarland: President Brad Czebotar
Middleton: Mayor Gurdip Brar
Monona: Mayor Mary O'Connor, Alder Doug Wood
Mount Horeb:
Oregon:
Rockdale:
Shorewood Hills:
Stoughton:
Sun Prairie: Mayor Paul Esser
Verona:
Waunakee:
Windsor: President Bob Wipperfurth, Administrator Tina Butteris
Others Present: Forbes McIntosh and Ann Gryphan, GPS/DCCVA Steve Steinhoff, Capital Area Regional Planning Commission

Guest speakers: Stacie Reece, City of Madison sustainability coordinator; and Gavin Luter, UniverCity Alliance director

1. **Call to Order.** The DCCVA membership meeting was called to order by V. of Windsor President Bob Wipperfurth at 5:05 p.m. at the DeForest Village Hall. A quorum was present with 11 member communities represented. The members were welcomed by DeForest Village President Judd Blau.
2. **Approval of Minutes.** DCCVA members reviewed the minutes from the last meeting on January 16, 2019. Gurdip Brar (C. of Middleton) made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Paul Esser (C. of Sun Prairie) and approved on a voice vote.
3. **Financial Report.** Treasurer Bill Burns (C. of Middleton) was not present. The membership reviewed the written financial report. Judd Blau (V. of DeForest) made a motion to approve the financial report as written, seconded by Roger Schmidt (V. of Dane) and approved on a voice vote.
4. **Guest Speaker – Stacie Reece, City of Madison sustainability coordinator.** Stacie Reece gave a presentation about the city’s sustainability efforts, which includes a proposal to move toward achieving 100 percent renewable energy and zero net carbon emissions by 2030. Other city initiatives include: participating in a renewable energy solar energy group purchasing program for homeowners, to reduce costs and bring more solar powers into homes, and the addition of three new electric buses to the city fleet in 2020, among many other initiatives. Reece noted that the Cities of Fitchburg and Monona recently passed 100 percent renewable energy resolutions. Representatives from the Village of Deerfield said they recently installed solar array at its wastewater treatment plant and high school, which looks promising.
5. **Guest Speaker, Gavin Luter, UniverCity Alliance director** – Gavin Luter shared information with members about the UniverCity Alliance, a project that pairs University of Wisconsin-Madison classes and students with local governments in need of research assistance. Municipalities can list their priorities, and the UniverCity Alliance matches them with the appropriate UW program. Students gain real-world experience to work on real projects, and the municipalities gain knowledge and feasible recommendations on identified priority areas. Issues that could be addressed include but are not limited to: sustainability, economic development, social services, education, health and housing. The City of Monona is among the municipalities that have participated so far. Luter said DCCVA could be helpful to UniverCity staff by helping to define priority areas, coordinate multi-jurisdictional partnerships and provide ongoing feedback. There is a cost

for a city or village to participate in UniverCity Year, but it is possible that multiple communities could join together to study one issue area.

6. Reports From External Committees/Boards/Commissions.

- a. **MPO/transportation:** Tom Lynch, the City of Madison transportation director, discussed the issue of jurisdictional transfer of county roads. Next week, the City of Madison will be introducing a resolution asking the county to reconsider its policy on jurisdictional transfers of roads.
 - i. DCCVA has been asked by a city/village representative on the Madison Area Transportation Planning Board to help distribute a survey to city/village officials within the MPO on their views toward the MPO. Chief elected officials and administrators from cities and villages within the MPO should have received the survey via email and are asked to please complete the survey.
 - ii. Doug Wood said there has been a lot of turnover on the Transportation Planning Board recently, with all four Madison alders serving on the board not running for reelection, including the board chair. If an agreement isn't reached between City of Madison and Dane County soon on two highway projects, those dollars will be shifted to other projects.
 - iii. Mark Opitz said at the last MPO meeting there were revisions to the surface transportation block grant program. Also the MPO did an intersection safety screening analysis of arterials and collectors, and that information will be shared with communities within the planning area, to flag those with large number of crashes or severe crashes.
 - iv. Bruce Stravinski said the MPO and CARPC plan to share office space by the end of the year but remain separate entities.
- b. **Lakes and Watershed Commission:** Forbes McIntosh said the Yahara Chain of Lakes - Lake Levels Task Force has been meeting and its recommendations for addressing flooding will be released in the next few weeks. DCCVA will need to monitor this, especially if solutions come with a price tag for municipalities.
- c. **CARPC:** The DCCVA Executive Committee recently met with CARPC staff to discuss stormwater and flooding and how CARPC might mediate discussions or solutions between communities. Steve Steinhoff of CARPC also mentioned that the Greater Madison Vision survey results will be released soon and CARPC staff is willing to visit municipalities to share with them how their residents responded to the survey.
- d. **MMSD:** Forbes McIntosh said MMSD will host a community and customer meeting on March 20.
- e. **DaneCom Governing Board:** No report. Forbes McIntosh said no action was taken at the last meeting; they just reviewed bills.

7. Legislative/Budget Update.

- a. Forbes McIntosh said the new legislative session has begun. Three dark store bills have been introduced and the dark store issue is also in the governor's budget proposal. The governor's budget is expected to hit opposition from Republicans in the legislature. Public hearings will be coming up soon for the state budget, and municipal leaders are encouraged to attend and voice their comments on various budget items. Judd Blau (V. of DeForest) had questions about the levy limits (2%) item in the governor's budget proposal and how it might impact growing communities.

8. Upcoming Appointments/Reappointments.

- a. **CARPC:** Tony Hartmann. He is not running for re-election to his Fitchburg alder seat. His term on CARPC also expires this spring, so there will be one opening on CARPC needing a new appointment.
- b. **Madison Area Transportation Planning Board:** The terms of city/village representatives Mark Opitz and Bruce Stravinski are up for appointment or reappointment this spring. Watch your email for nomination and voting procedures.

9. Other New Business.

10. Local Roads Workshop Recap.

- a. Ann Gryphan said about 35 people from cities, villages and towns within Dane County attended this roads workshop and interest in the workshop exceeded room capacity.

11. 2019 Meetings.

- a. **2019 meetings:** The remaining 2019 DCCVA meeting dates are:
 - Wednesday, May 1, 5:30 p.m. (annual meeting and dinner) (City of Sun Prairie) This function will be held at the new Hilton Garden Inn in Sun Prairie
 - Wednesday, July 17, 12 p.m. (Village of Mount Horeb)
 - Wednesday, Sept. 18, 5 p.m. (location TBD). We are still seeking a host community for this meeting.
 - Wednesday, Nov. 13, 12 p.m. (City of Monona)

12. **Adjourn.** Gurdip Brar (C. of Middleton) made a motion to adjourn at 7 p.m., seconded by Roger Schmidt (V. of Dane) and approved on a voice vote.