

# MINUTES

## *Dane County Cities and Villages Association*

September 19, 2018

### 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: Administrator Steve Fahlgren  
Edgerton:  
Fitchburg:  
Madison: Alder Larry Palm, Government Relations Officer Nick Zavos  
Maple Bluff:  
Marshall: Administrator Adam Ruechel  
Mazomanie:  
McFarland:  
Middleton: Mayor Gurdip Brar, Finance Director Bill Burns  
Monona: Mayor Mary O'Connor  
Mount Horeb:  
Oregon:  
Rockdale:  
Shorewood Hills:  
Stoughton:  
Sun Prairie: Mayor Paul Esser  
Verona:  
Waunakee: Trustee Joe Zitzelsberger  
Windsor: President Bob Wipperfurth, Administrator Tina Butteris  
Others Present: Forbes McIntosh and Ann Gryphan, GPS/DCCVA  
Steve Steinhoff, Capital Area Regional Planning  
Commission  
Michael Luckey, Interagency Council on Homelessness  
Flora Csontos, Senator Tammy Baldwin's office

1. **Call to Order.** The DCCVA membership meeting was called to order by V. of Windsor President Bob Wipperfurth at 5:10 p.m. at the Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District. A quorum was present with 11 member communities represented. The members were welcomed by MMSD Chief Engineer and Director Michael Mucha. A tour was offered for DCCVA members prior to this meeting.
2. **Approval of Minutes.** DCCVA members reviewed the minutes from the last meeting on July 18, 2018. Roger Schmidt (V. of Dane) made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mary O'Connor (C. of Monona) and approved on a voice vote.
3. **Guest Speaker – Michael Luckey, Wisconsin Interagency Council on Homelessness.** Michael Luckey spoke about the newly formed state Interagency Council on Homelessness. The council was created in state law and is comprised of 13 individuals, including Lt. Gov. Rebecca Kleefisch and eight state agency secretaries, with Luckey serving as director. The goal is to identify what homelessness looks like around the state, where we stand as a state on this issue, how we can better partner our systems across the agencies to reach as many people as possible. The council intends to release a statewide plan for addressing homelessness by the time of the 2019-21 state budget release (around February 2019). Luckey said components of the plan are: the continuum of care, ways to avoid homelessness, flexibility for using prevention dollars to prevent homelessness. Luckey said other factors are: increased need for case management at shelters, increasing affordable housing stock throughout the state, hospital discharge procedures to make sure patients aren't released to the streets. There were 21,906 people who experienced homelessness last year in Wisconsin, he said, and many of them are schoolchildren. The chronically homeless represent only 8 percent of the state's homeless population. Luckey said the council is looking for partnerships with entities such as hospital systems, businesses, chambers of commerce and employers – and the council wants to bring innovative partnership ideas statewide.
4. **Member Comments.**
  - a. Middleton Mayor Gurdip Brar shared a few words about how his city was impacted by the recent flooding in Dane County. In addition, an active shooter incident occurred in Middleton earlier today at a Middleton business. He said the police/fire/EMS were prepared for such an incident, which prevented greater loss of life.

- b. Sun Prairie Mayor Paul Esser reported that Sun Prairie is still recovering from the explosion this summer in downtown Sun Prairie. The road is being rebuilt and should be open by Nov. 1.
5. **Financial Report.** Treasurer Bill Burns (C. of Middleton) gave a financial report. Year to date expenses are \$18,390, year-end is projected at \$47,266. The year-end balance is expected to be approximately \$79,000. The 2019 draft DCCVA budget shows no dues increases. Burns said the Executive Committee or membership might want to discuss whether to change dues for 2020 or whether to add new expense categories/program offerings. Paul Esser said he would like to see more programming or education events for members. Paul Esser (C. of Sun Prairie) made a motion to approve the financial report, seconded by Gurdip Brar (C. of Middleton) and approved on a voice vote.
6. **2019 Budget:** The 2019 budget calls for no major changes in expenses or income/dues. Mary O'Connor (C. of Monona) made a motion to accept the 2019 DCCVA budget as presented, seconded by Gurdip Brar (C. of Middleton) and approved on a voice vote.
7. **Reports From External Committees/Boards/Commissions.**
  - a. **CARPC.** Larry Palm (C. of Madison and CARPC chair) said The Greater Madison Survey is now live. There are expected to be 150,000 more people living in the region over the next few decades and this survey will help with future planning for growth. Palm, CARPC Chair, said he is also now chair of the Madison Area Transportation Planning Board (MPO). There is a joint CARPC/MPO meeting to discuss more coordination and alignment between the two organizations. Federal law prevents a true merger of these two bodies, but Palm expects more collaboration and coordination. He said there needs to be planning across the region that is consistent over multiple organizations and infrastructures.
  - b. **MPO:** Forbes McIntosh said there was recently a public hearing on the Transportation Improvement Plan and municipalities are encouraged to review this. The MPO will vote on it on Oct. 3. Larry Palm said there have been many new appointees to the MPO recently, and cities/villages need to communicate to your MPO appointees what your interests in transportation planning are.
  - c. **Lakes and Watershed Commission:** Susan West, the DCCVA representative on the Dane County Lakes and Watershed Commission, was not able to attend today's DCCVA meeting but asked that cities/villages contact her with comments about the recent flooding in Wisconsin. She is interested in having the county look at stormwater, flooding, lake levels and what the county can do to mitigate flooding in the future.

8. **Jurisdictional Transfer of County Roads.** DCCVA members discussed this issue at the July 2018 meeting. However, there was further discussion today and a motion on the DCCVA's position. The members were presented with a white paper and draft motion, which was modified at the request of Nick Zavos (C. of Madison). Paul Esser (C. of Sun Prairie) made a motion to adopt the motion as amended, seconded by Nick Zavos (C. of Madison) and approved on a voice vote. It reads:

**MOTION AS AMENDED/ADOPTED:** The DCCVA supports a public policy position that acknowledges that county highway systems should remain under county jurisdiction to defend city and village residents from unfair tax increases. The DCCVA does recognize that there are legitimate instances where cost-sharing of county trunk highway systems should occur, and supports the DCCVA Executive Committee working with county and municipal stakeholders to discuss establishing cost-sharing policies. There should be: a transportation-based rationale for these decisions; acknowledgement that jurisdictional transfer might apply to roads other than just county roads, such as roads under municipal jurisdiction; and the education of DCCVA members about the pros and cons of jurisdictional transfer of roads. Further, the DCCVA supports establishing a DCCVA transportation workgroup of municipal experts and elected officials to help guide any discussions.

9. **CARPC BPP Action.** DCCVA members discussed this issue at the July 2018 meeting. However, there was further discussion today and a motion on the DCCVA's position. The members were presented with a white paper and draft motion, which was modified at the request of Nick Zavos (C. of Madison). Nick Zavos (C. of Madison) made a motion to adopt the motion as amended, seconded by Bob Wipperfurth (V. of Windsor) and approved on a voice vote (Gurdip Brar abstained from voting). The motion reads:

**MOTION AS AMENDED/ADOPTED:** DCCVA supports reforming the funding and governance structure for the Capital Area Regional Planning Commission ("CARPC"), requesting the state legislature act to allow CARPC to independently finance its operations, separating it from the county levy and separating the county from the CARPC governance structure in recognition of its autonomy.

10. **Discussion and Possible Action on DCCVA 2018-19 Goals and Priorities.**
  - a. **Non-discrimination ordinance resolution.** Paul Esser (C. of Sun Prairie) gave a presentation on non-discrimination ordinances. He said Sun Prairie, Verona and Madison have enacted such ordinances, and they are important in protecting residents and attracting major corporations/employers to the region. Esser said he would like to see all cities and villages in Dane County adopt similar ordinances. The members

were presented with a white paper and draft resolution, which was modified at the request of Larry Palm (C. of Madison). Gurdip Brar made a motion to adopt the resolution as amended, seconded by Mary O'Connor (C. of Monona) and approved on a voice vote. The resolution as amended/adopted reads:

WHEREAS, diversity is a critical component of a thriving, successful municipality and region;

WHEREAS, the Dane County Cities' & Villages' Association, as its name suggests, represents the cities' and villages' located in the Dane County region – a region with a diverse community with a long tradition of pursuing full equality for all of its citizens;

WHEREAS, increasing tolerance, respect and acceptance of one another will strengthen this region as a community, deepening bonds between neighbors and fostering a welcoming environment;

WHEREAS, a commitment to diversity will enhance the local and regional economy, creating a positive, forward-thinking environment that will help attract business and create jobs;

WHEREAS, the region's workforce should reflect the different cultures, backgrounds, and abilities of the members of our community; and

WHEREAS, the DCCVA recognizes that a diverse workforce will result in the introduction of innovative ideas and provide varying and unique perspectives; and

WHEREAS, discrimination of all kinds is wrong and presents a stumbling block to the pursuit of full equality;

WHEREAS, we affirm the right of all citizens to live free of discrimination.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Dane County Cities' & Villages Association, it is the advocacy policy of the Association to reject discrimination of any kind and to respect the inherent worth of every person, without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, handicap, age, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, veteran status, or political affiliation, and the DCCVA encourages members to adopt non-discrimination ordinances in their own communities within their jurisdiction.

b. **Plastics/straw ban.** Gurdip Brar (C. of Middleton) brought forward a proposal to have DCCVA endorse a ban on plastic straws in Dane County. A white paper on the issue was prepared and distributed. Bob Wipperfurth (V. of Windsor) said at least one DCCVA member has expressed concern about this and would prefer that it be a statewide effort, similar to the statewide smoking ban in public venues. Larry Palm (C. of Madison) said Madison is also looking at single-use plastics and sustainable purchasing – and these professionals working on these issues could be a resource in the discussion. The consensus was that more discussion is needed and will be brought back at a future DCCVA meeting.

11. **2018 Meeting Dates.** The remaining 2018 DCCVA meetings are:

- Wednesday, Nov. 14, 2018, 12 p.m. (City of Middleton)

12. **Adjourn.** Gurdip Brar (C. of Middleton) made a motion to adjourn at 6:59 p.m., seconded by Roger Schmidt (V. of Dane) and approved on a voice vote.