

DCTA Executive Board Meeting

Wednesday, February 21, 2018, 7:00 pm
Verona Town Hall
7669 County Highway PD, Verona, WI 53593

Present: Jerry Derr, Tom Wilson, Ted Olson, Manfred Enberg, Martha Gibson (on phone).

Also present: Mike Duerst, Tom Mathies, Mark Geller, Steve Steinhoff, Renee Lauber.

Called to order by President Derr at 7:06 pm.

Steve Steinhoff, Capital Regional Planning Commission, Regional Land Use Plan Update

CARPC is updating the Regional Plan that was written in 1997. Steve shared a Greater Madison Vision handout and noted town Steering Committee members and the numerous meetings that have been held. This year they are focusing on scenario planning aka an alternative futures campaign. They are presenting three different futures of how communities can grow and respond to different challenges the area faces. Scenarios show impacts on traffic, taxes, jobs, environmental health etc. The scenario survey will be done in May and June. The need for participation from town residents was stressed. The goal is a well-rounded survey with town residents participating. The final document will be advisory.

Approval of 12-13-17 minutes

Motion: Wilson/Enburg. Approve minutes as presented. Carried unanimously.

Financial Report - Approval of checks, 1099s filed

Renee stated that 1099s were filed and presented a 2/21/18 report detailing checks written and checking account withdrawals. She noted an outstanding \$40 attorney bill and that since the board sometimes doesn't review financials for two months she is paying things under \$100 to be timely.

Motion: Enburg/Olson. Accept financial report; authorize \$40 attorney payment. Carried unanimously.

Renee was asked to invite attorney Larson to the May Membership Meeting to introduce himself to the membership and to report on the legislative session.

Plan for review of Dane County sign ordinance

Who should review this part of the Dane County Comprehensive Zoning Code revision was discussed. Renee will ask attorney Larson to review for DCTA.

AccessDane Mapping - review and comment on notice statement regarding sensitive environmental features and proposed changes to the statement language

Emails on this issue and the change in wording were reviewed. The wording now acknowledges that some parcels may be in proximity to a mapped area. All agreed it is better for the landowners to know as much information about their property as possible.

Motion: Wilson/Gibson. DCTA appreciates the notice statement wording change and believes environmental feature mapping is valuable information that should be available to via Access Dane. Carried unanimously. Renee will share this with Todd Violante, Dane Co Planning.

2018 DCTA action agenda - review town survey responses and discuss what topics DCTA should engage in this year

Surveys sent in where reviewed. Martha commented that a good way forward on this would be to pick an issue for each category and try help all different types of towns:

What could we do to help **rural towns**? What could we do for **rural/urban towns**? What could we do for **urban towns**?

Starting with the “low hanging fruit” or easy projects like education was discussed. Renee was asked do a Conservation Easement (Rural Preservation) education session before the May membership meeting.

Sending the survey out again asking for towns to “Please note the categories that are important to your town” would be easier to respond to, instead of asking for ranking 1 through 15.

It was also noted that the term “farmland preservation” is associated with specific county programs that many farmers don’t like. The survey’s intent was not to review existing county programs. Rural preservation is a better term or something not associated with a government program.

Also towns should know that the survey categories are purposefully vague. After topic areas are selected the issues will be further defined at the Annual Meeting in May.

Roads were discussed. Surveys turned in so far show this as a priority - what can we do to help towns? Ideas floated were: education on borrowing; make sure the towns understand how grant programs work; joint contracting - going in with other towns on projects; sharing experiences on quality of contractors; education about materials (like the forum recently put on in Westport).

8:39 Adjourned