

DCTA Executive Board

Wednesday, October 21, 2020

7:00 PM

Present: Derr, Olson, Wilson, Duerst, Pulvermacher, Anders

Also Present: Renee Lauber, Tom Mathies, Amanda Arnold, Steve Steinhoff, Kris Hampton, David Pfiesser

Meeting called to order by President Derr at 7:00 PM

Consider 8/19/2020 minutes

Motion: Pulvermacher/Olson. Approve minutes as written. Carried unanimously.

Consider September/October Financial Report

Motion: Pulvermacher / Wilson. Approve report as presented. Carried unanimously.

Potential Planning Help for Towns – Amanda Arnold, Urban Planner, Ayres Associates, Inc.

Amanda Arnold recently worked as a planner for the town of Verona and would like help getting the work out on her services. Services she can provide include reviewing land use applications, updating comp plans, staff reports for plan commissions, boundary agreements, and grant applications. She wants to be a resource for towns. The group discussed options for Amanda to do an educational workshop at the next membership meeting.

Update on CARPC's regional development framework and how it relates to towns, Steve Steinhoff, CARPC Agency Director

Steve Steinhoff provided an update on CARPC's regional land use planning. The land use plan/masterplan has been renamed to Framework for the Capital Region to better reflect the use of the document. The planning process is based on the visioning work previously done by CARPC. First steps are a mapping process guided by local plans and regional goals. Next steps are engagement and implementation strategies. The group had a robust discussion regarding CARPC's lack of regulatory authority and need to work through education and changing the perspectives of voters and community leaders. Conflicts between property rights and planning were also discussed.

Dane County Redistricting update

Renee Lauber reported on the Dane County Board vote on 2020 Resolution 200 that set the number of county board supervisory districts. There are currently 37 districts. Resolution 200 initially proposed to reduce the districts to 35. The resolution was amended to retain the 37 districts and passed on a 32 to 4 vote.

The next step in the process is for the Redistricting Commission to recommend district boundaries. The Commission has its first meeting on Monday 10/26/20. There are two people representing towns on the Commission, Greg Hyer (Cross Plains) and Tom Wilson (Westport).

Education Forum with DCCVA

The Share Services Workshop has been rescheduled for December and will be done over Zoom.

Dane County Budget Update

Renee Lauber reported on a conversation with Todd Violante, Dane County Director of Planning and Development. The Department has been directed to take a 2.5% or 54K cut. They plan to accomplish this by reducing a clerk position from full to half-time and reducing outreach materials (mostly printed materials) for the Dane Count Housing Initiative and flooding information. Regarding flooding, there was money in the budget to contract for some mapping services and they are able to do that work internally and save money. So work will still get done. Overall impression that there are no alarming budget cuts to the Planning Department.

WTA update

Jerry Derr reported that WTA is holding one-hour convention sessions every day. Listening sessions are happening now and they are formulating their legislative agenda.

Jim Pulvermacher left the meeting.

Future topics

Mike Duerst discussed the concept of DCTA buying a used boom mower and then recovering costs through renting it to towns that are members of the association. Some Board members thought this might be a good discussion for a membership meeting. Perhaps DCTA could help towns that are interested put their resources together to make a purchase.

Adjourn

Motion: Duerst/Wilson. Adjourn at 9 pm.