

MINUTES
of the
Capital Area Regional Planning Commission

February 9, 2023

Zoom Meeting

6:00 pm

Commissioners Present: Maureen Crombie, Kris Hampton, Peter McKeever; Heidi Murphy, David Pfeiffer (Chair), Cynthia Richson, Jim Schuler (6:20 pm), Caryl Terrell, David Wallner; Nick Zavos (6:04 pm)

Commissioners Absent: Anthony Gray, Steve, Greb, Barbara Harrington-McKinney

Staff Present: Melissa Breyer, Nick Bower, Sean Higgins, Mike Rupiper, Haley Smith, Steve Steinhoff

Others Present: Abby Attoun, Kathy Kuntz, BetsyJo Howe, Forbes McIntosh, Tom Rogers, Tony Vandermuss, Chad Wuebben

1. Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm. Quorum was established.

2. Public Comment on Matters not on the Agenda

No members of the public wished to speak.

3. **Consent Agenda (all items below in #3 are actionable items)**

a. Minutes of the January 12, 2023, CARPC Meeting

b. Executive Committee Recommendations (actionable items)

(1) Authorization of the Deputy Agency Director to Execute a Grant Agreement with the Fund for Lake Michigan for Wisconsin Salt Wise

(2) December 2022 Financial Statements, January 2023 Operating Account Reconciliation

Ms. Crombie moved for approval of the Consent Agenda; Mr. McKeever seconded. The motion passed on voice vote.

4. Presentation on Collaborations between the Dane County Office of Energy and Climate Change and CARPC on Climate Change Mitigation and Adaption – Kathy Kuntz, OECC ([DaneCo OECC Presentation 2023-02-09.pdf](#)) (1:52 – 33:23)

Kathy Kuntz provided an update on some of the ways the OECC is collaborating with CARPC and a little bit about what the office thinks is going to happen with federal funding in 2023. Key points included:

- Leveraging work CARPC is doing with mapping tree canopy and green infrastructure
- Ongoing projects such as the Tree Canopy Collaborative and pursuing a Regional SolSmart designation
- Cross-promotion in communications, presentations and events
- More federal funding is expected to be available in 2023 for residents, businesses, farms, non-profits, and public entities (municipalities and school projects) in the form of competitive grants, tax credits and a direct pay program.

Discussion ensued. Questions were asked about whether local units of government have budgeted additional dollars for tree planting and forestry work in light of global warming and if trees devastated by the Emerald Ash Borer are scheduled for replacement; the countywide emissions goal by 2030 and how it ties to the housing issue in Dane County and the partnerships / relationships OECC is able to build between developers and realtors to reduce vehicle miles travelled from new housing developments. Ms. Richson shared information on taking toxic lead out of aviation fuel.

5. Presentation on the Beta Version of the Data Dashboard for Regional Development Framework Indicators – Sean Higgins ([RDF Dashboard Presentation 2023-02-09.pdf](#)) (33:25 – 57:30)

Mr. Higgins presented an overview of the beta version of the Regional Development Framework (RDF) Indicator Dashboard to-date. He reviewed the goals, objectives, and development strategies of the RDF and explained the process for establishing the indicators. He discussed how they will measure the extent to which CARPC is achieving its desired outcomes and if not, how those strategies may need to be adjusted. The next steps will be to publicize the dashboard, obtain feedback on it, analyze and communicate the results, prepare communications and marketing and establish a schedule of updates and progress reports.

The Indicator Dashboard may be accessed from the CARPC website at: [Indicators | RDF 2050 \(arcgis.com\)](#)
Please note that this dashboard is currently in beta development. Updates, improvements, and corrections will be ongoing into Spring, 2023.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS (7:00 pm)

- a. Public Hearing on the Amendment of the *Dane County Water Quality Plan* by Revising the Sewer Service Area Boundary and Environmental Corridors in the Central Urban Service Area (City of Middleton) (57:27 – 1:56:48)
 - (1) Applicant Presentation – Amendment Overview
([Middleton CUSA Presentation 2023-02-09.pdf](#))
 - (2) Open Public Hearing to Take Comments from Registrants, Close Public Hearing
 - (3) Commissioner Questions and Discussion

Chair Pfeiffer reminded meeting participants that the focus of tonight's public hearing is a review of the water quality compliance component of the development on not the land use component which is not part of the public hearing process.

Abby Attoun, Director of Planning and Community Development, City of Middleton along with its consultants from the Smith Group, Tom Rogers, Principal and Tony Vandermuss, a Civil Engineer, presented on behalf of the City of Middleton for the Redtail Ridge development. The proposed development is within an intergovernmental agreement area with the Town of Springfield. It is located in one of the City's primary planned growth areas. The proposal has been extensively reviewed by multiple city committees and commissions and most of their recommendations have been incorporated. The amendment area is about 126 acres currently used as farmland. The proposal includes 867 dwelling units with a variety of housing choices and an extensive open space system to manage stormwater and create environmental corridors.

Chair Pfeiffer opened the public hearing, but there were no registrants to speak. The public hearing was subsequently closed, and discussion ensued. Commissioner Richson raised a question about the proximity of the development to the Middleton airport as it pertains to the FAA circular guidance regarding wildlife attractants in proximity to airports. Commissioner Hampton asked if the Wisconsin Department of Administration has approved the annexation. Commissioners also asked about the differing opinions that came out of the city committee meetings; whether the development will exceed the current runoff rates into Pheasant Branch Creek and if a traffic study has been conducted to see the impact on Pheasant Branch Rd;

the breakdown between single-family and multi-family housing; how the density per acre compares with other urban developments in the area; treatment of off-site water; animal traffic and access of greenways; efforts made to promote community gardens or continuation of agricultural opportunities to replace some of the agriculture that is being replaced by the development, encouraging the use of solar not only on the homes, but also the commercial development in the development and the use of green infrastructure. A request was made for staff to confirm in the staff report that the stormwater plan and standards will adequately address offsite impacts, especially to Pheasant Branch Creek.

7. Reports

- a. Executive Chairperson and Executive / Personnel Committee
 - (1) Draft Proposal for CARPC Strategic Planning Services
- b. Greater Madison MPO
- c. Agency Director/Division Director, Community and Regional Planning
- d. Deputy Agency Director/Division Director, Environmental Resources Planning

Chair Pfeiffer noted that the Executive Committee is considering hiring a facilitator for strategic planning.

An update from the Greater Madison MPO was included in the packets.

Mr. Steinhoff was available for questions on the written report in the packet and noted that the staff will soon begin working on the application for SolSmart designation. Also, a Commission / staff get together in the form of a pontoon boat tour through MSCR and led by Tim Asplund of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources is being planned for this summer.

Mr. Rupiper highlighted the WEM/FEMA grant application for a wetland / floodplain restoration project with the Village of Cross Plains and the work Kathy Kuntz mentioned with the local Tree Canopy Collaborative. He also mentioned the agency's work with the Midwest Climate Collaborative on a NSF CIVIC grant that could provide funding to look at the issues of tree canopy coverage and how it can reduce urban heat island effects and improve air quality in four different community regions in the Midwest.

8. Future Agenda Items (next meeting is **March 9, 2023**, 5:30 pm).

- None

9. Adjournment

Mr. Wallner moved for adjournment; Ms. Richson seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Minutes taken by Haley Smith and reviewed by CARPC staff

Respectfully Submitted:



Kris Hampton, Secretary

Members of the Public:

- Abby Attoun, Director of Planning and Community Development, City of Middleton
- BetsyJo Howe, Wastewater Management Specialist, WI Department of Natural Resources
- Kathy Kuntz, Director, Dane County Office of Energy & Climate Change
- Forbes McIntosh, Lobbyist, Dane County Cities' & Villages' Association (DCCVA)
- Tom Rogers, Principal, SmithGroup
- Tony Vandermuss, Civil Engineer, SmithGroup
- Chad Wuebben, Managing Member, High Road Development Company