

Minutes of the Meeting of the
Dane County Regional Planning Commission

July 25, 1991

Room 2D

7:30 p.m.

1. Roll Call

Members Present: Messrs. Ballweg, Cieslewicz, Freese, Nelson, Nienstedt, Proctor and Wagner; Mmes. Brooks and Leidner

Members Absent: Messrs. Arnold and ZumBrunnen

Also Present: William Lane, Thomas Smiley, William Preboski, Thomas Favour, Louise Smoczynski, Paul Gempler, Danielle Dresden

2. Approval of Minutes of Meeting of June 27, 1991

Moved by Mr. Nienstedt, seconded by Mr. Proctor, to approve the minutes of the meeting of June 27, 1991. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Special Order of Business

Public Hearing on Proposed Amendment to the Dane County Regional Development Guide, the Farmland Preservation Plan and the Dane County Water Quality Plan Relative to the Oregon Urban Service Area

Mr. Nelson opened the public hearing. Mr. Preboski reviewed the staff report on the request from the Village of Oregon. Originally the village proposed adding two parcels of 199 acres total to the urban service area without a compensating adjustment. The staff reviewed the request with the village suggesting that was much more land than needed to be included and such a request would not be recommended by the staff. The village now proposes to add 16.5 acres of developable land to the urban service area and delete 16.5 acres. The staff recommends approval of the amendment and compensating adjustment and recommends that the original request by the village not be approved.

William Kortte, Village President, said he thought the staff report did not address the village's original request. Mr. Favour noted that the report states that the request was reviewed and the staff recommendation was that it not be adopted. Mr. Kortte said he was concerned about the staff indicating that there was too much developable land in the urban service area. He reviewed some problems the village was having with water and the expense some developers have gone through in dealing with the problems. He asked that the staff be asked to meet with Oregon officials so that they can review the need for expanding the urban service area. He thought denial of the village's original request was out of order.

Mr. Preboski explained that bringing the original request of 199 acres into the urban service area would be an addition that would be beyond even the year 2010 urban service area needs.

Mr. Boyd Schleicher, the village engineer from Donohue & Associates, addressed the status of subdivisions in the USA and their stages of development.

Mr. Dallas Christlanson, Chairman of the Town of Oregon, said that the town had no problem with the request by the Village of Oregon. There were no additional speakers. Mr. Nelson closed the public hearing. Mr. Wagner asked what adoption of Resolution RPC No. 576, Amending the Dane County Regional Development Guide and the Water Quality and Farmland Preservation Plans to Refine the Oregon Urban Service Area meant at this time. It was explained that the resolution and accompanying map addressed the 16.5-acre addition and deletion. Moved by Mr. Wagner, seconded by Ms. Leidner, to adopt Resolution RPC No. 576. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Wagner had some questions about the staging, the timing of the urban service area expansion, the request by the village and the staff's interpretation of the village's needs. He asked that the staff look at the factors involved in response to some of the issues raised during the public hearing. Mr. Favour indicated that the staff would prepare an analysis addressing those questions.

Public Hearing on the Draft Yahara-Monona Priority Watershed Project Plan

Mr. Nelson opened the public hearing. Mr. Gempler reviewed the major findings and management recommendations in the draft Yahara-Monona Priority Watershed Plan. He said the plan includes a three-part management strategy: stormwater and soil erosion control practices; wetland and environmental corridor protection; and public information/education activities. State cost-share funding will be available to local municipalities and rural landowners to implement recommended management practices.

Ms. Dresden, the public information officer for the Yahara-Monona project, highlighted the information and education section of the plan.

Mr. John Hendrick, chair of the Yahara-Monona Priority Watershed Steering Committee, was available to answer questions.

Mr. Nelson closed the public hearing.

4. Consideration of Timetable and Introduction of County Board Resolution to Adopt the Yahara-Monona Priority Watershed Project Plan

Moved by Mr. Proctor, seconded by Mr. Freese, to recommend adoption of the Yahara-Monona Priority Watershed Plan to the Dane County Board of Supervisors. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Communications

Mr. Favour noted a letter from the City of Monona requesting a modification to the environmental corridor. A public hearing on the request will be scheduled for August 22, 1991.

6. Report of Officers

None.

7. Report of Executive Director

Mr. Favour suggested that election of officers be held over to the September 12, 1991, meeting. Moved by Mr. Proctor, seconded by Mr. Wagner, to defer election of officers to the September 12, 1991, RPC meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Report of Executive Committee

Mr. Favour reported on a rules change to Social Security which requires full Social Security deductions be made on per diem checks and on paychecks for part-time employees starting July 1, 1991.

The committee authorized up to \$1,000 in legal fees to have the Executive Director explore the possibility of an appeal in the matter of the proposed River Ridge Run development.

Two farmland preservation agreements were approved by the committee.

Mr. Favour reported that the Greenbelt Network did receive a \$10,000 grant from the state to prepare a greenbelt video. The RPC staff will be providing bookkeeping assistance on the grant.

The committee directed the Executive Director to meet with County Executive Phelps to see if understanding could be reached on some commitment to the RPC regarding the 1992 budget request so the RPC would know whether a letter regarding the possibility of a levy should be sent to the Dane County Clerk by the July 31 deadline. When Messrs. Favour and Arnold met with Mr. Phelps he repeated his desire to have a county planning department and indicated he was not certain how or when he would proceed to do so. He asked the RPC staff to prepare some alternative planning/staffing structures for his review and consideration.

Mr. Wagner indicated he had no problem supporting an RPC budget request at the 1991 level, perhaps at an even higher level, but he had reservations about submitting a letter with a levy request. He thought that would not be helpful to the RPC's position. There was discussion about authorizing the Executive Committee to act at their July 31, 1991, meeting regarding whether or not to submit a 1992 budget levy letter. It was agreed, even though there were some concerns among Commission members, that such a letter should not be submitted for 1992 at this time.

9. Consideration of Letter of Comment and Support for Dane County Lake Management Planning Grant Applications

Moved by Mr. Nienstedt, seconded by Mr. Freese, to approve sending the letter supporting the lake management planning grant applications for Stewart Lake and Lakes Monona and Waubesa. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Consideration of Resolution RPC No. 577, Extending Transit Corridor Study to September 30, 1991

Moved by Mr. Nienstedt, seconded by Mr. Proctor, to adopt Resolution RPC No. 577 closing out the contract. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Progress Report on Regional Groundwater/Hydrologic Study Design and Funding

Mr. Lane reviewed the draft study design; the project is intended to identify the existing and potential future impacts of urban development, groundwater withdrawals and inter-basin water diversions on Dane County's ground and surface water resources. The project objectives are to: a) improve and expand the basic information base on ground and surface water resources in order to ascertain existing and potential resource impacts; b) develop and refine management tools (computer models) that will be useful in water resource management decision-making on a continuing basis; and c) use tools to evaluate proposed management applications to prevent or minimize adverse impacts.

12. Report on Status of DNR Actions Related to Proposed River Ridge Run Plat

Mr. Favour reviewed the most recent actions and correspondence on the proposed River Ridge Run plat. The RPC has maintained that the development is not consistent with adopted plans. On June 28, 1991, the DNR issued their finding to amend the Urban Service Area, adding certain conditions and seeming to allow the plat to proceed. Mr. Favour said he met with the RPC's legal counsel, Attorney Kristine Euclide, to discuss the possibility of an appeal by the Commission. She indicated the RPC could simultaneously contest the case to the DNR and ask for judicial review by the court. Such action would have to be taken within 30 days of issuing the DNR's decision, August 1, 1991. Moved by Mr. Nienstedt, seconded by Mr. Proctor, to authorize proceeding with an appeal process related to the proposed River Ridge Run plat. Motion carried unanimously.

13. Report on Burke Area Intergovernmental Committee Activities

Mr. Smiley reviewed the meetings of the Intergovernmental Committee of July 11 and July 18. The next meeting of the group is scheduled for August 1, 1991. He noted the rezoning approval of the Hovde property by the Dane County Board at their last meeting. The Committee is hoping to wrap up at the August 8 meeting. A final report will be given to the Commission after that meeting.

14. Other Planning Reviews

There were three planning reviews requiring no comment: 1) DNR Application for Outreach Operator Training Program; 2) Foundation for Rural Housing Inc. Application for Housing Repair Grants; and 3) DHSS Application for Toxic Substances Compliance Monitoring Program. Mr. Smiley gave a progress report on the letter the RPC sent to the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection regarding agricultural impact statements for park purchase.

15. Other Business Authorized to be Conducted Under the Law

None.

16. Adjournment

Moved by Mr. Ballweg, seconded by Mr. Proctor, to adjourn the meeting.
Motion carried unanimously.

Recorded by:
Louise Smoczynski

