

Falk involves all in planning development

As president of the Madison Area Builders Association, I would like to commend Dane County Executive Kathleen Falk for her efforts in the area of "smart growth." The forward thinking of Falk and several supervisors has resulted in the creation of a subcommittee to steer Dane County's comprehensive plan.

For the first time in recent history, members from all sides of the development issue will sit down to discuss Dane County's future with regard to development. Builder and MABA member David Simon will sit down with environmental leaders, farmers and government officials to provide input on what will make a workable plan for Dane County.

This steering committee will be involved in the planning process until mid-2006 when the county's comprehensive planning process, also known as the Smart Growth Plan, is finalized. The formation of this steering committee has brought together parties from all sides of the smart growth issue, and our county leaders should be commended for taking this important step.

— *Brian McKee, Madison*