

SUB 3 TO RES. 70, 2004-05

RECONSTITUTION OF DANE COUNTY'S COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING PROCESS

~~Dane County is blessed with vibrant communities, beautiful and productive lands, and a rich watershed. It is also one of the fastest growing counties in Wisconsin. As the human population grows — and more housing, roads, and infrastructure are created to serve that population — it is important that Dane County plan properly in order to protect for future generations its great physical, cultural, and economic gifts.~~

The Comprehensive Planning process begun by Dane County in 2002 is an extremely important tool in instituting such protection for the County's residents and resources. ~~However, the administration of that process was left unfortunately ambiguous and consequently now is threatened by time-consuming gridlock and arbitrary direction.~~ It is imperative that the Comprehensive Plan process, soon to provide a blueprint for Dane County's future, be carried out in a timely, inclusive, objective manner that serves all County residents.

The Zoning and Natural Resources Committee directed that a comprehensive plan should be prepared, and The Zoning and Land Regulation Committee continues to have a role in the process. The Zoning and Land Regulation Committee will conduct a public hearing on the completed comprehensive plan before approving it and, after approval, shall submit the plan to the county board for adoption. In addition, the Zoning and Land Regulation Committee may perform any other planning duties that designated by the county board in the future may designate. The new county board rules specifically designate the Environment, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee as assuming the duties of the Strategic Growth Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dane County Board of Supervisors hereby officially designates its Environment, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee as a county agency responsible for planning, as stipulated in Chapter 7 of County ordinance and provided for in Wisconsin statute 59.69(6); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Dane County Board of Supervisors hereby establishes its Environment, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee as the standing committee of the County Board charged with oversight of the Comprehensive Planning process, including appointment, formation, and administration of supervisory committees, subcommittees, and work groups; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Dane County Board of Supervisors hereby directs that the Chair of the Environment, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee shall make appointments to supervisory committees, subcommittees, and work groups in consultation with the County Board Chair and First Vice Chair; and if either the Board Chair or the Vice-Chair object to an appointment within 7 days that appointment is void, or their (2) designees from the Zoning & Land Regulation Committee and Public Works & Transportation Committee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Dane County Board of Supervisors hereby dissolves and reconstitutes with a maximum of 13 members and with the same membership structure the Comprehensive Planning Steering Committee previously formed during the 2002-2004 session by joint-motion of two defunct committees of the Board; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that appointed members of the working groups who have three unexcused absences from the time of the passage of this resolution will be removed as

members of the working groups and the resulting vacancies shall be filled as specified in this resolution.

Be it further resolved that the The Zoning and Land Regulation Committee is directed to conduct a public hearing on the completed comprehensive plan before approving it and, after approval, shall submit the plan to the county board for adoption.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Dane County Board of Supervisors hereby requests that the County Board Chair, First Vice Chair (~~or their fore-mentioned two designees~~) and Chair of the Environment, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee act promptly to fully constitute all Comprehensive Planning supervisory committees, subcommittees, and work groups so that the planning process may proceed. For any appointments to be made under this resolution, if the appointment cannot be made within 30 days after the passage of this resolution or 30 days after a vacancy occurs, whichever is later, then the County Executive shall make the appointment instead.

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