

DRAFT MINUTES
CARPC Farmland Loss Mitigation Workgroup
of the Capital Area Regional Planning Commission

September 9, 2010

City-County Building Rm 321, 210 MLK Jr. Blvd., Madison WI

5:00 p.m.

Members Present: Martha Gibson, Sue Studz, Caryl Terrell

Staff Present: Bridgit Van Belleghem, Barbara Weber

Others Present: Mike Slavney

Meeting called to order at 5:20

1. Review of agenda

No changes.

2. Approval of Minutes of August 12, 2010

Minutes approved.

3. Revisit FLM 2 Report

Ms. Van Belleghem outlined changes to the Draft FLM 2 Report. Major revisions included:

- Adding USA boundaries
- Adding a section addressing the unique urban agricultural situation in Fitchburg
- Readjusting economic analysis conclusions to incorporate information from the land use survey
- Adding commercial forests
- Revising and expanding the environmental service and functions section
- Revising the appearance of tables and charts

In response to a question from Ms. Gibson, Ms. Van Belleghem explained that property on Map 4 was identified as developer-owned based on the name of ownership of the property. LLCs or company names were considered developers; trusts, gun clubs or individuals were not considered developers.

Ms. Studz requested that maps include reference to the date of the data used.

Ms. Van Belleghem will work to address concerns that wetlands do not show up well on Map 5, and will include a note to see Map 12, environmental corridors.

Ms. Van Belleghem will contact DATCP to advise them of errors in the representation of the Town of Madison on the map indicating livestock operations.

The workgroup directed Ms. Van Belleghem to send out FLM 2 for peer review and suggested Rock County Planning Director Paul Benjamin and Jim Welsh of the National

Heritage Land Trust be included in the peer review list. Any additional recommendations on peers will be directed to Ms. Van Belleghem.

4. Review categorized lists of methods/tools to protect agricultural areas from development pressures and methods to promote efficient land use in development.

Ms. Van Belleghem provided a breakdown of the list of tools, policies and strategies developed by the workgroup divided to identify potential leadership groups.

The workgroup desires to avoid concentrating only on protection of soils identified as soil types 1 and 2 and added "Preserve land that has historically been farmed" to the list of policies and strategies under CARPC and County responsibility. The workgroup also recognized that, in addition to productivity, landowners or the community might value other characteristics of agricultural land such as character.

The workgroup added, "Protect contiguous agricultural lands" (beyond USAs) to the list under County responsibilities. Discussion continued as to how CARPC policies should relate to the County, and how the two entities should interact in reaching common goals. Ms. Gibson suggested that the workgroup/CARPC consider further direct communication with the County.

The category of "Other" responsible parties was added to the breakdown to include advocacy groups.

The categorized list will be further considered at the next FLM workgroup meeting.

5. Brainstorm ideas for CARPC policies where CARPC can have a direct impact on agricultural preservation and consumption through the USA process.

This item was deferred to the next workgroup meeting.

6. Set next meeting of the workgroup

Ms. Van Belleghem will be working on FLM 3 and will bring points for discussion on future scenarios and literature sources to the workgroup.

The workgroup would like to try to meet again prior to the October Dane County ZLR meeting. The date of that meeting was not immediately known.

The next FLM workgroup meeting will be Thursday, October 7, 2010, 2:00 p.m.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Recorded by Barbara Weber