

# MINUTES

## CARPC Policies & Criteria Advisory Group

September 24, 2009

City-County Building Rm 309, 210 MLK Jr Blvd, Madison WI

5:00 p.m.

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Present: Phyllis Hasbrouck, Eileen Kelley, Mike Dailey, Robert Phillips, Jim Pulvermacher, Brad Murphy, Bruce Sylvester, Tom Wilson

Absent: Caryl Terrell

Staff Present: Chris Gjestson, Kamran Mesbah

### 1. **Introductions**

The meeting convened at 5:07 p.m.; members and staff introduced themselves.

### 2. **Changes to the agenda**

Mr. Sylvester moved that item #5 be amended to read “Set future meeting dates, times *and topics*”; there were no objections, motion carried by unanimous consent.

### 3. **Approval of the minutes of the meeting of July 30, 2009**

Motion by Ms. Hasbrouck, second by Mr. Pulvermacher, to approve the July 30 minutes, motion carried.

### 4. **Report on interviews with local units of government regarding CARPC policies and criteria for sewer service areas, and discussion of next steps**

Mr. Mesbah referred to the “Input from Units of Government RE: CARPC Criteria and Policies” document, dated Sept. 16, 2009, which was provided to members by e-mail on Sept. 18, and a second document provided at members’ places, “Categorized Input from Local Governments” dated Sept. 24, 2009. The second document was drafted by placing all the comments in the first document into 14 categories; this was done in order to make more efficient use of the Group’s time by addressing the comments in groups.

Mr. Mesbah noted that all units of government had been contacted, and to date he had met with over half of the chief elected officials; all but two cities, about half the towns and two-thirds of all villages. He stated his intent to meet with the County Executive or her staff. Ms. Hasbrouck reported that both Capital Region Advocacy Network for Environmental Sustainability (CRANES) and the Smart Growth Coalition have expressed a desire to meet; Mr. Mesbah stated his intent to meet with them.

Members discussed the categories. Ms. Hasbrouck requested that a legend be added to clarify the definition of each category.

Mr. Mesbah suggested that a good way to begin to address the issues raised by the comments would be to identify in each category those issues which are points of conflict (“friction points”) and which feature a continuum of perspectives.

Members discussed the “Approach to Regional Planning Process” category; members identified seven friction points:

- Centralized vs. Dispersed/decentralized
- Trust vs. Authority
- Cooperative vs. Positional
- Local autonomy vs. regional authority
- Political vs. Technical/Objective (or Subjective vs. Objective)
- Top-down vs. Bottom-up
- Exclusive vs. Inclusive

Members discussed the “Boundary Agreement” category, and agreed it should be more inclusively titled as “Intergovernmental Cooperation.” Two friction points were identified:

- Regional cooperation vs. Local winners/losers
- Joint decision-making vs. Independent decision making

Mr. Mesbah stated that the exercise should continue at future meetings until each of the friction points have been identified by the Group; after which, the Group would try to generate recommendations on how the CARPC should resolve them, or agree on what factors need to be changed to allow the CARPC to approach resolving these conflicts. For example, some conflicts may be the result of state rules that create an unintended local problem. Resolving the problem may first require a state rule change and the RPC could take it upon itself to start the process for such a rule change.

The Group asked that staff generate a draft list of friction points from the remainder of the list to allow the Group to finalize them at the next meeting.

#### **5. Set future meeting dates and times**

Mr. Sylvester suggested that FUDA be discussed at a future meeting; Mr. Mesbah stated that the Group’s mission as determined by CARPC was to advise the Commission on its USA policies. However, a FUDA advisory committee would be important, so he would like to recommend to CARPC that after the Group’s current work is complete it continue to meet in order to advise on FUDA issues.

Members agreed to meet next on October 22 at 5:00 p.m. tentatively for a 2-hour meeting.

#### **6. Adjournment**

Moved by Ms. Hasbrouck, seconded by Mr. Wilson, to adjourn; motion carried at 6:30 p.m.

Recorded by Chris Gjestson