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ZONING & LAND REGULATION COMMITTEE
FARMLAND PRESERVATION PLAN SUBCOMMITTEE
Dane County Board of Supervisors

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 6, 2011 MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lauber, Welsh, Clausius, Richmond, Hendrick

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jensen

OTHERS PRESENT: Standing

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I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Lauber called the meeting to order at 12:10 pm in Room 354 of the City-County Building.

II. BUSINESS

1. Approve minutes from 3/21/2011 meeting. Motion by Clausius / Welsh to approve the minutes as drafted. Motion passes (Richmond abstain).

2. Public comment. None.

3. Consideration of Dane County Towns Association recommendation to request extension on Farmland Preservation Plan certification from DATCP.

Standing distributed a letter from Dane County Towns Association (DCTA) president Jerry Derr to Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) Secretary Ben Brancel, requesting a one-year extension for the re-certification of the Dane County Farmland Preservation Plan. Copies of this letter are available online, or by contacting Brian Standing.

Standing reported that he had a telephone conversation with Keith Foye of DATCP. Foye said that the agency would likely grant an extension for the purpose of coordinating county farmland preservation planning and comprehensive planning efforts. Foye also said that an extension request could be submitted as late as November.

Richmond requested a staff briefing to the Environment, Agriculture and Natural Resources (EANR) Committee before that committee takes up the ordinance amendment to adopt the revised Farmland Preservation Plan.

Motion by Welsh / Richmond to table consideration of an extension until after the October 25th ZLR Public Hearing. Subcommittee will schedule an additional meeting between 10/25 and 11/1. Motion passes.

4. Update on Farmland Preservation Plan including public notice, hearing schedule and DATCP certification review progress

Brian Standing distributed a revised timeline of work to date and through the end of the year. Copies are available online or by contacting Brian Standing.

5. Review comments received to date on draft Farmland Preservation Plan.
Lauber presented comments on the draft Farmland Preservation Plan prepared by Dane County Towns Association legal counsel Mark Hazelbaker. Major concerns included: formatting; consistency with town comprehensive plans; driveway standards and organizational structure of the document. Copies of DCTA comments are available online or by contacting Brian Standing.

Standing distributed a letter from DATCP Land Management Section Chief Keith Foye that described the results of DATCP’s certification review. Items identified as potential issues included: mapping conflicts with county comprehensive plan maps; use of town instead of countywide criteria for farmland preservation area designation; TDR consistency with state farmland preservation area standards; mapping legend and labeling issues; need to update economic and demographic data; and outdated references to rezoning conversion fees. Copies of DATCP comments are available online or by contacting Brian Standing.

Standing also reported that he had a telephone conversation with Dane County Farm Bureau (DCFB) President Pat O’Brien. O’Brien said that the DCFB had no major concerns with the plan as drafted and would not be submitting formal written comments.

6. Reconsideration of Dane County Towns Association recommendation to request extension on Farmland Preservation Plan recertification.
   Motion by Welsh / Richmond to reconsider action on Item 3. Motion passes.

   Hendrick arrived at 12:50 p.m.

   Motion by Welsh / Clausius to recommend that staff request 6-month extension from DATCP and to recommend postponement of ZLR public hearing on this item (currently scheduled for October 25th) to no later than the January ZLR Public Hearing. Motion passes.

   Richmond left the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

7. Review and possible recommendation on draft Farmland Preservation Plan.
   Standing distributed copies of proposed revisions to the draft Farmland Preservation Plan and to the Dane County Comprehensive Plan. Copies are available online or by contacting Brian Standing.

   By general consensus, the subcommittee agreed to table action on this item to a future meeting.

8. Schedule next meeting.
   Staff will solicit available dates and times from subcommittee members and set a meeting date.

   III. ADJOURN

   Motion by Welsh / Clausius to adjourn at 1:10 pm. Motion carried.