

Thank you for participating as a member of the Observer Corps for the League of Women Voters of the La Crosse Area. Our goal is to educate LWVLA members on local government activities with the potential to refer topics for further study and advocacy.

Your Name: Jan Gallagher and Jean Hammons

Name of Governmental Body (City/County/Town) Board or Committee: La Crosse County Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee (CPAC)

Time and Date of Meeting: June 24, 2021

Meeting Content

*Committee Chair, Monica Kruse, read a statement recognizing the long stewardship provided La Crosse County by the Ho Chunk Nation, underscoring the stake the Nation continues to have in land use policy.

* Charlie Handy gave an overview of the Existing Conditions Report. He noted that about half a dozen chapters are 50%-85% complete, the majority at 95%. To attain 100%, public input will be solicited on every chapter.

* In an Introduction to Farmland Preservation Charlie Handy listed multiple stakeholders in the farm community who are being surveyed about farmland preservation. Surveys will be completed during in-person workshops or online.

* Committee members divided into three small groups (rural, urban, urban-rural). They reviewed lists of features that describe their particular region of La Crosse County. They brainstormed: 1. balancing town/municipalities autonomy vs redundant infrastructure and multijurisdictional plan and policies; 2. achieving sustainable, collaborative & respectful boundary agreements that guide future land uses; 3) identifying data and information needed to create such policy.

Topics relevant to national, state or local League positions:

Identify issues that you would like the LWVLA to assess for further League consideration (position statements, advocacy, further study, further education/program):

National Policy Position: Promote an environment beneficial to life through the protection and wise management of natural resources in the public interest.

Observer Feedback:

Note any additional comments or overall feedback regarding this meeting: We received a warm welcome. The meeting was carefully planned and adhered to the agenda. Committee members were highly engaged

Items on this side of the form are provided for the Observers' benefit. They do not need to be a part of the report, but they provide a checklist of Open Meetings Law requirements and best practices to keep in mind. Notable observations about these practices could be included in your feedback comments on pg. 1.

Observers' Public Accessibility Checklist (items in red are required by WI Open Meeting Law):

- Public notice (time/date/location/content) was readily available no later than 2 hours prior to the meeting.
- The meeting was held in a location that was open to the public and readily accessible to members of the public who wished to attend.
- The meeting was available to view or listen to on-line.
- Copies of the agenda and handouts were available to the public. Important information was available for viewing via handouts, web links, or projector.
- The agenda provided enough specific detail to inform interested members of the public about the content of the meeting.
- Roll call was conducted, and the public could identify members who were present or absent. A quorum was present to conduct business.
- Speakers were identified and could be easily heard.
- The public was given an opportunity to speak at the meeting.
- Meeting content was limited to only noticed agenda items, including business discussed in closed session.
- A record of motions, seconds, and roll-call votes from the meeting will be created and preserved. Minutes and/or a recording of the meeting will be made available to the public.

Members of the Governmental Body:

Link to the meeting information:

Thank you for participating in the LWVLA Observer Corps. Your responses will help us ensure transparency in local government and assess the need for future LWVLA actions!