

Approved Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 16, 2022

Members Present:

Fred Barden
Meredith Cook

Melissa Laird
Michele Limas

Dick Steinbrugge
Joe Wisniewski

Members Absent:

Linda Feldhan

Kimberly Goddard-Kropf

Daniel Hauser

County Staff Present:

Nicole Amling
Chris Lueneburg
Sherri McFall

Melissa Norman
Chuck Schable
Marla Vik

Todd Watkins

Guests:

Brandon Philips

1. Welcome, Introductions and Approval of September 2022 Minutes

Chair Laird opened the meeting at 3:47 p.m. and welcomed members and other attendees. She invited URMDAC members and staff to introduce themselves.

Chair Laird asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Member Wisniewski moved to approve the minutes. Member Limas seconded. All approved.

All presentations and materials referenced in the minutes will be posted online and available to the public at <https://www.washingtoncountyor.gov/lut/road-maintenance/urmdac-meetings>

2. Report: Neighborhood Streets Program (NSP)

Melissa Norman and Sherri McFall presented on the Neighborhood Streets Program.

3. Guest Comments

Brandon Philips, the community organizer for the Joss Avenue NSP campaign, spoke on the need for traffic calming on Joss Avenue. Their campaign failed, as it only had a 52% affirmative vote, and 67% is required. Nearly 100% of those voting were in favor. Language barriers were discovered for some homeowners. Springville Elementary is a huge stakeholder in this and the NSP process only allows

for homeowners to vote. There are also many renters in the area. Brandon believes the program needs to be reformed.

4. Update: Community Feedback/Customer Service

Chris Lueneburg presented on community feedback regarding the slurry seal work done in the URMD in 2022.

5. Election of 2022-23 Officers

Chair Laird opened the topic of committee officer elections with a brief recap of the changes that went into effect this year, particularly that elections happen at the first meeting after October 1 due to the change in bylaws. She also reminded everyone of the recommendations that URMDAC agreed upon in January:

- The Chair and Vice-chair positions each serve a two-year term, confirmed by election at the first meeting each year.
- The Vice-chair is automatically nominated to promote to Chair, at the end of the second year.
- Any Member can request to be a candidate for Chair or Vice-chair, with the exception of Members in the first year of their first term.
- The election of the Chair is determined by majority vote of a quorum of URMDAC members.
- Officers will be expected to actively attempt to generate community interest in serving on URMDAC.
- If a Member's term ends while serving as an Officer on URMDAC, nominations will be made for replacement and a vote will be held during the next meeting.
- There will be an expectation that each Member serve as an Officer at least once during their length of service on URMDAC.

Member Steinbrugge nominated Melissa Laird for reelection as Chair. Member Barden seconded. Members approved unanimously.

Member Barden nominated Dick Steinbrugge for reelection as Vice-Chair. Member Wisniewski seconded. Members approved unanimously.

6. Information: 2023 Pedestrian and Biking Improvements Process

Sherri McFall and Chair Laird presented on the URMD pedestrian and biking improvement program 2023 selection process guidelines. Guidelines provided in materials.

7. URMDAC Member Roundtable

Member Cook introduced herself and explained that she joined URMDAC because of her own experiences with an improvement project. She takes great interest in the improvements that are done to our streets in our communities. The Augusta Lane bridge is an improvement that came up in her community and it has become a huge asset to her neighborhood.

Member Steinbrugge brought up the unsuccessful Joss Avenue proposal. He doesn't think the committee is in a position to redesign the process that's in place. As a committee that is meant to be an advisory committee to the Board, though he did offer that if staff concludes that there should

be some tweaks to the policy that require board approval, it would be helpful to have the committee weigh in.

8. Meeting Wrap Up

Next meeting date: January 18, 2023

Next meeting agenda items:

- Pedestrian and Biking Improvements

9. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Member Steinbrugge. Seconded by Member Barden. Chair Laird adjourned the meeting at 5:14 p.m.