



Department of
Land Use & Transportation



Approved Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 18, 2023

Members Present:

Fred Barden	Melissa Laird	Pam Treece
Meredith Cook	Daniel Hauser	
Linda Feldhan	Dick Steinbrugge	

Members Absent:

Kimberly Goddard-Kropf	Michele Limas	Joe Wisniewski
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County Staff and Commissioners Present:

Nicole Amling	Sherri McFall	Dyami Valentine
Cortney Duke-Driessen	Shelley Oylear	Marla Vik
Reza Farhoodi	Chuck Schable	Todd Watkins
Chris Lueneburg	Commissioner Pam Treece	

Guests:

Randy McCourt	Julia Philbrook	Brandon Philips
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1. Welcome, Introductions and Approval of November 2022 Minutes (00:00:06)

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 vote to approve the November 22, 2022 minutes. All approved.

All presentations and materials referenced in the minutes will be posted online and available to the public at <https://www.co.washington.or.us/LUT/Divisions/Operations/CAC/urmdac.cfm>

2. Guest Comments (00:02:44)

Guest Julia Philbrook joined the meeting to request a sidewalk be added to the pedestrian crossing already scheduled for 84th Avenue. Garden Home Road is very dangerous for pedestrians to cross. Once the new crosswalk is constructed at 84th, it isn't accessible by any other street. She is hoping that a sidewalk be added, as drivers will expect pedestrians to use that crosswalk at 84th; however, Garden Home Road is currently lined with ditches and no easy way to access the crosswalk at 84th.

Guest Brandon Philips from NW Joss Ave discussed policies around NSP that he believes need to be revised. He has concerns about the percentage of homeowners required to vote (67%), about the non-availability of digital voting for residents, and that renters are excluded from the process.

Guest Randy McCourt from the Garden Home area spoke in the last 5 minutes of the meeting. Randy McCourt asked if there is time to make additions to the pedestrian and biking improvements proposals to be considered this year. He is interested in taking inventory in the neighborhoods from Highway 217 east to Fanno Creek Trail. He emphasized the importance of pedestrian connection in eastern Washington County linking neighborhoods, parks, and activity centers to the off-road Fanno Creek Trail system. He stated that he would go into the portal and start adding in projects.

3. Report: Public Meetings and Ethics (00:22:17)

Cortney Duke-Driessen presented about Public Meetings and Ethics. Presentation provided in materials.

4. 2023 URMD Pedestrian and Biking Improvements Proposal List (00:52:40)

Dyami Valentine shared insight on the methodology of equitable scoring of proposals.

Chris Lueneburg shared an abridged version of the communication plan. He will provide full details at the May meeting.

Shelley Oylear brought attention to a Pedestrian and Biking Improvement selected in 2021 that requires modification. The project is a pedestrian crossing on NW 185th Ave at Pheasant Ln. The fire district will be adding a station with an emergency signal on their property at that location. County staff proposes moving the location of the crossing less than 1000 feet south on 185th to SW Ewen Dr. The scope and cost at the new location would remain very similar to that of the original project. Member Steinbrugge expressed discomfort with changing a proposal, as URMDAC denied changes to a proposal on Blanton in November 2021 and he believes approving this change would be inconsistent with that prior action by the committee.

Chair Laird requested a motion to recommend staff's suggested changes be forwarded to the Board. Member Barden moved. Member Feldhan seconded. Member Steinbrugge opposed; all other members approved. Motion passed.

5. URMDAC Member Roundtable (01:47:20)

Member Steinbrugge requested to add the NSP policy issues to a future agenda.

6. Meeting Wrap Up (01:50:20)

Next meeting date:

- March 15, 2023

Next meeting agenda items:

- Pedestrian and Biking Improvements: 150% Proposal List

Future topics:

- Status of PBI Projects
- URMD Budget
- Neighborhood Streets Program

7. Adjournment (01:55:40)

Chair Laird adjourned the meeting at 5:43 p.m.