

Minor Betterment Program Review and Selection Committee



Department of
Land Use & Transportation

October 24, 2012
4 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Walnut Street Center
Training Room 1

Members:

Mike Chombeau, RROMAC
Tim Connelly, URMDAC
Sheila Giambrone, County
Brian Irish, County
Jim McCulloch, RROMAC
Marty Moyer, URMDAC
Shelley Oylear, County
Linda Peters, CCI
Stephen Roberts, County
Jason Yurgel, CCI

Staff:

Steve Franks – Guest
Victoria Saager
Stacia Sheelar
Todd Watkins

Guests:

Gary Ross
John Blackmun – Leahy Rd.
Steve Grover – 92nd Ave.

Absent:

Dyami Valentine, County

MINUTES

Victoria Saager opened the meeting with a slide of a Wordle for the comments received regarding Minor Betterment candidates. Wordle is a program you can drop all of your documents into and it will highlight words that were the most common in larger, bold letters. It gives you a quick visual of what words were mentioned the most. A copy is attached.

Victoria asked everyone to introduce themselves and asked for approval of the minutes. Shelley Oylear motioned to approve the September minutes, Brian Irish seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Public Input

John Blackmun from Leahy Road thanked the county for mailing out post cards with information about the possible minor betterment project in his neighborhood. Mr. Blackmun reviewed the selection process with staff and voiced his concerns about adding pedestrian facilities to Leahy Rd. His concern was the project would not complete a pathway from East of Elderbrook down to the school. He had two recommendations: 1) Fill in the ditches and create a sidewalk the entire length or 2) don't encourage pedestrians to use Leahy Rd. He cautioned the county about designating certain streets for bikes and pedestrians, because if someone gets injured in the future, they will come after the county.

Steve Grover from 92nd Ave. talked to the committee about the need for sidewalks on 92nd Ave. His recommendation was to cover the ditches and give more room for people to walk, because they already have to walk in the actual ditch in places. He would at least like to see the shoulders widened. He also sent a comment in online which is included in the comment packet available on the website.

Review Public Input on Top Minor Betterment Candidates

Victoria asked the committee if they had a chance to review the packet of public comments online. She also shared a map of all Minor Betterment Candidates completed since 2008 to give the committee a visual tool to identify the geographical equity of candidates. Several of the committee members were very impressed with the amount of comments the county received both positive and negative for the candidates. Shelley was encouraged by the interaction of the public on each others comments. Jason Yurgel expressed concern over a negative comment on a project for CPO 3 and assured the committee the majority of CPO 3 is very supportive of all the candidates listed for their area.

Guest, Steve Grover, asked the committee if the county would take right-of-way from property owners without compensation and Victoria clarified for him, if a candidate requires the acquisition of right-of-way, it does not qualify for the Minor Betterment Program.

Develop List of Recommended Projects

The group began discussing the list of candidates, referred to public comments, considered geographical equity and the estimated cost and came up with their list of recommendations.

Mike Chombeau made a motion to provide the agreed upon list to Dave Schamp, Operations Division Manager, as the recommendation from the committee. Tim Connelly seconded the motion and all were in favor.

The committee will prepare a memo to Dave with their recommendations and he will talk with the other managers and get their buy-in prior to adding the projects to the Work Program for Fiscal Year 2013-2014. The committee also reviewed the remaining candidates and provided a recommendation of projects for the Urban Road Maintenance District's (URMDAC) consideration. Both lists are attached.

Shelley Oylear suggested any Minor Betterment candidate falling within 500 feet of a Capital Improvement Project, be added to that Capital project considering there is limited funding for these projects.

Victoria thanked the committee and the meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting

Victoria will send out a Doodle Survey to set the next meeting date.

ACTION ITEMS

#	<i>What</i>	Who	When	Done
1	<i>Schedule next meeting for November</i>	Victoria		
2	<i>Post recommended candidates list to the webpage</i>	Victoria		
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**Minor Betterment Committee
Recommended Projects
Fiscal Year 2013-2014**

<u>Road Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Proposed Treatment</u>	<u>Estimated Cost</u>
123rd Ave.	Fairfield St.	Walker Rd.	Pedestrian Path	\$210,505.00
Butner Rd.	Downing St.	Walker Rd.	Pedestrian Path	\$91,312.00
Garden Home	at Oleson Rd.		ADA Ramp	\$28,000.00
Grahams Ferry	near Ibach St.	near Luster Ct.	Pedestrian Path	\$126,688.00
Jenkins Rd.	at 153rd Ave.		Modify Crosswalk	\$17,612.00
Walker Rd.	Barnes Elementary	Furlong Wy.	Pedestrian Path	\$49,399.00
				\$523,516.00

**Minor Betterment Committee
Recommended Projects for URMD Funding
Fiscal Year 2013-2014**

<u>Road Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Proposed Treatment</u>	<u>Estimated Cost</u>
92nd Ave.	Garden Home Rd.	Allen Bl.	Pedestrian Path	\$425,763.00
90th Ave.	Taylor St.	Oak St.	Pedestrian Path	\$465,173.00
Leahy Rd.	Barnes Rd.	Elderbrook Pl.	Pedestrian Path	\$175,300.00
Laidlaw Rd.	Lakeview Dr.	140th Av.	Pedestrian Path	\$452,550.00
Saltzman	Bayone Ln.	Laidlaw Rd.	Pedestrian Path	\$596,575.00
185th Ave.	Broad Oak Bl.	Farmington Rd.	Pedestrian Path	\$385,000.00
				\$2,500,361.00