

Minutes for 7-14-2021 UPRD Regular Meeting  
6:00pm at Community Center

Board members: Tina Gallion, Alicia Beyer, Vern Mohlis, Bob Wittenberg, Pat McConnell

Community Commitee: Kathy LaMotte, Lisa Brown, Mary Kapp

Community Members: Ed LaMotte, Cam Thomas, Linda Hardham, Robin McConnell, Barbara Thomas, Maria Foley, Mary Kapp, Dennis Sietman, Lisa Brown, Sally Newell, Audry Irwin, John Hardham, Dan Harkenrider, Kelley, Faye Brehm, Nancy Lee Hadley

Speaker: Tim Elea

Called to order 6:00PM

1. Welcome everybody

2. Reports: Treasurer, Facility and Usage – see report

3. Approve vouchers - Voucher for \$3,764.84 on 7/8/2021

- Motion to approve vouchers and report Pat 2<sup>nd</sup> Vern. Unanimous

4. Community Committee Project – Cook Underwood Road safety – about 2 years ago traffic studies were done. It was discovered that many of the drivers in upper Underwood are going to fast. 70+. Our mountain is changing its demographics: lots of families, more winery's, more bike riders, logging/commercial trucks, kayakers, distracted drivers, horses.

Tim Elsie (Skamania County of Public Works) is here to help with the discussion and to talk about what we can do. It is recommended that another study be done this year to compare this year vs last year (pandemic) road speeds. Study should be done again (at a minimum) at mile post 10.4 and Cooper Ave.

Questions from Tim Elsea:

- Is the speeding from locals or tourists? Locals mainly
- Is the speeding because they don't know the speed limit? Partially
- When are more accidents? Winter ice

The county has been using more sand during the winter months. This has improved helped with winter accidents. Tim would like to research traffic calming in rural areas. We live in a special place. (Lots of traffic and a neighborhood.)

Possible solutions:

- More signs – deer, multi-use road, bicycles

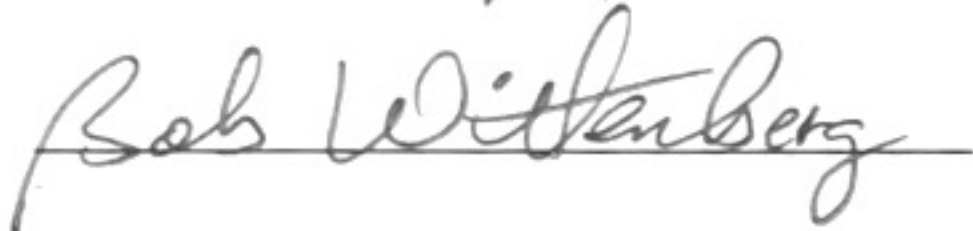
- Add mirrors to the side of the road by Hawkins Winery and other blind driveways. This should be the responsibility of the property owners, not county.
- Speed feedback signs have been funded for this area and should be put up soon
- No speed bumps where there is snow – not an option in our area
- More narrow roads an option? – county would have to change the laws. Fire trucks need 10 feet.
- Rumble stripes on road
- Cut back brush from road signs
- Painting middle and side stripes yearly (to be done in August)
- Add stop signs on Cook Underwood Road at intersections
- More police enforcement

Propose Install 2 “your speed is...” signs.

Tim Elsea will attend our August 11<sup>th</sup> meeting to give an update on action from the county.

Meeting adjourned 7:50 pm

Approved on 9/8/2021



Bob Wittenberg, Chair



Vern Mohlis, Secretary