

RUSTIC ROADS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

4th Thursday of the month

6:00-9:00 PM

Held on Microsoft Teams –



Virtual Meeting July 23, 2020

Attendees:

MCDOT Staff Coordinator: Darcy Buckley
Linsey Bryant, Executive Administrative Assistant

Members Present:

Bob Tworkowski, Chair
Kamran Sadeghi
Dan Seamans
Laura Van Etten
Bob Wilbur
Leslie Saville, M-NCPPC (non-voting)

Members Absent:

Lonnie Luther
Todd Greenstone

Guests:

Chris McDermott, Property Owner, 26420 Clarksburg Road

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m.

Action Items:

Meeting Minutes: June 2020

Minutes for June were unanimously approved with minor edits.

Curb request, Prices Distillery Road (rustic) and Clarksburg Road (country arterial)

MCDOT staff, along with committee members and property owners conducted a site visit at the intersection of Prices Distillery Road and Clarksburg Road to address water run-off, drainage issues and erosion along Prices Distillery Road. MCDOT plans to clean the drain and install asphalt curbing along both sides of Prices Distillery road, as well rolling curbs at the intersection with Clarksburg Road to prevent vehicles from intruding on the property. A motion was approved to prepare a letter supporting the installation of the curbing, along with a note to maintain the 15-foot road width while not to encroaching on the historic property owner's hedges.

Vision Zero Plan and Priorities

The committee was tasked with commenting on policies the County could put in place to reduce severe and fatal accidents along County roadways. The committee identified speed as a main factor that needs to be addressed. A motion was approved to draft a letter noting the committee's principles: maintain narrow roadways, increase use of mobile cameras, add chevron signage, and remove fewer trees and hedgerows along rustic roadways. The committee voted to send a letter expressing these views.

Nominating Committee

The committee approved Leslie Seville, Bob Wilbur, and Kamran Sadeghi to conduct the interviews for the vacant committee member position. Information on the interviewing process was discussed and the applicant's information was sent to the committee for review; interviews will take place before the August meeting.

Montevideo Rd near Sugarland Rd (chevron signage)

A request was submitted to install chevron signage prior to a sharp turn in the road on Montevideo Road. It was suggested to confirm the presence of 15 mph advisory signage, as well. Motion was approved to support the installation of the chevron signage without reflective sign posts.

Complete Streets Design Guide

The committee approved support of the Complete Street Design Guide as drafted and agreed to write a letter with comments along the lines of the Vision Zero letter.

Discussions:

Bylaws (Deferred)

Correspondence

Saville to draft letter to Council on bridge funding.

Tree Trimming Guidelines

MCDOT is in receipt of the committee's recommendations and is in the process of preparing a response.

Schaeffer Road (Parking Area)

The committee would like another site visit to discuss the parking area adjacent to the bridge. They would like to meet with MCDOT staff to address cutting the road width at the bridge and moving the parking lot. It was recommended that the Department of Parks also be invited as they also have an interest in the bridge project.

River Road (Gravel-Dust Suppressant)

Committee proposed a site visit to address the gravel roadway and options to alleviate the amount of dust created along River Road. Other topics of discussion are the widening of the road and the cutting back of the grass between road and property line. The owners of the farm property along the road, Lewis Orchards, expressed support for keeping the road gravel, however they would like dust suppressant applied. It was agreed to seek a date in September when the property owners could join RRAC members and MCDOT at the site.

Sugarland Culvert Repair

The politician's road concrete at this location was removed during a previous repair. A possible site visit was discussed.

Crown Castle Telecommunications Site Proposals

Letter has been sent to committee members for input and should be finalized by next meeting.

Adjourn

8:30 p.m.