

RUSTIC ROADS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

4th Thursday of the month

6:00-9:00 PM

Held on Zoom



Virtual Meeting September 24, 2020

Attendees:

MCDOT Staff Coordinator: Darcy Buckley

Members Present:

Kamran Sadeghi

Dan Seamans

Laura Van Etten

Bob Wilbur

Leslie Saville, M-NCPPC (non-voting)

Members Absent:

Bob Tworkowski, Chair

Lonnie Luther

Todd Greenstone

Guests:

Sarah Burt, resident on Bryant's Nursery Road

Anne Davies

Jane Thompson, Member Emeritus

Marjorie Williams, Tower Committee

Shawn Thompson, Consultant Engineer, Tower Committee

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

Guest Discussion:

Marjorie Williams, the County's Broadband, Cable & Franchise Division Manager and Chair of the County's Tower Committee (CTC) and Shawn Thompson, consultant engineer for the CTC, joined the meeting to discuss the Rustic Roads Advisory Committee's comments on the Crown Castle Communications proposal. Williams explained that the CTC's role in telecom applications is limited to ensuring the application is complete and accurate and that it complies with County rules. If it does, the CTC will provide a recommendation. If the application is recommended, it can go to the Department of Permitting services to receive a permit. Williams advised that a zoning code change would be needed for the underground (or "flat") installations that the RRAC requested. She advised talking to Council members and Planning staff. Williams will follow up with Buckley and Saville to establish a process for RRAC notification.

15110 Sugarland Road (rustic): Proposed Driveway

RRAC members conducted a site visit two weeks prior due to concerns about the proposed driveway location, which was originally set between two trees. At the site visit, the owner agreed to moving the driveway west to avoid the trees and submitted a new drawing. The Committee voted to support the revised application.

Ruck Property (Application #62019012), 7304 Rocky Road (rustic)

The Committee voted to support a plan to solve the existing driveway's sightline problem as follows: Hedgerow trimming along the fence line is encouraged to establish clear sight distance. If a tree must be removed, the applicant must mitigate by planting an in-kind tree (identified as persimmon) as part of the hedgerow. If removal of more than one tree is required, applicant is to return to the committee for further consultation.

Glen Road Site Visit:

Committee will visit independently and Buckley will coordinate a virtual meeting with project staff.

Schaeffer Road Bridge Design:

MCDOT is going ahead with preliminary design, which will take two years. The matter of one lane or two will be left open for now.

Bridge Education:

Buckley will coordinate meeting and presentation with Tim Cupples, Chief, Planning and Design Section, Division of Transportation Engineering, MCDOT

River Road:

Site visit with property owner Linda Lewis will be planned for October or November.

Adjourn

8:30 p.m.