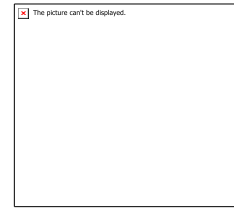


## **RUSTIC ROADS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month

6:00-9:00 PM

Held on Zoom



### **Virtual Meeting August 27, 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:**

Jane Thompson, Member Emeritus  
Jared Carhartt, CAS Engineering  
Lauren Campbell, M-NCPPC  
Anne Davies, RRAC Member Applicant

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m.

#### **Action Items:**

#### **Meeting Minutes: July 2020**

Minutes for July were unanimously approved with minor edits.

#### **Preliminary Plan 120200180, Kilmain Etc. – West Hunter (Rustic), Wasche (Rustic), and Whites Ferry (non-Rustic)**

A nine-lot subdivision is proposed between West Hunter Road and Whites Ferry Road abutting Wasche Road. Plans were brought before the committee to review the shared driveway entrance to the subdivision on West Hunter Road. The developer submitted plans for a 10-foot wide driveway with 24-foot-wide apron; it was noted that it might have to be widened depending on Fire and Rescue Services (FRS) specifications. A Significant Feature of West Hunter Road is a hedgerow. At least one tree will need to be removed for the driveway, and mitigation tree planting will be necessary. Jared Carhartt recommended reviewing that at the time of permitting when a more detailed survey of the trees will be available. If widening of the proposed driveway is required, the committee discussed the possibility of relocating the entrance to Whites Ferry Road. Carhartt suggested holding referral comments for now. The Committee will revisit after review by FRS, prior to final submittal.

#### **Glen Road Bridge (Exceptional Rustic)**

Plans are being reviewed to replace the bridge over Sandy Branch, which measures 19' 7", with widening to 19 feet 11 inches. Federal funds were not requested. A site visit with the project manager, along with members of the West Montgomery County Civic Association was proposed to review for significant/historic features that would be disturbed by the replacement of the bridge; suggest replacing in-kind, if possible. Clarification on how funding sources are determined along with the processes/standards required for such funds; an informational online meeting will be scheduled for the committee to understand overall process the end of September or beginning of October.

### **Thrive Montgomery 2050: Response from RRAC**

The committee was asked to prepare a response to the June draft policies which will guide the County's General Plan for the next 30 years. It was recommended that each member review a section and agree to draft comments. Committee suggested to also include photos with their response.

### **15110 Sugarland Road, Proposed Driveway (Exceptional Rustic)**

A request was submitted to install an additional driveway at this location for planned farming operations. The proposed location is between two trees—a DPS Roadside Tree inspector asks that it be shifted slightly to protect one of the trees. Concern about trees along the roadway that would require trimming/removal; suggests possible consideration of relocating driveway because there are no trees elsewhere on the exceptional rustic road frontage. Committee agrees on conducting a site visit with the DPS inspector, engineer and possibly the property owner to determine if any other location can meet the owner's needs.

### **Discussions:**

#### **Tree Guidance**

Formed subcommittee to address MCDOT's response to the committee's guidance recommendations.

#### **Schaeffer Road Bridge**

MCDOT has an internal meeting scheduled for August 31, 2020, to discuss the committee's preferred option for bridge rehabilitation rather than replacement. The committee also looks to gain understanding as to why it is not even being considered for rehabilitation as well as the process that qualifies bridges for State funding under historic bridges guidelines.

#### **River Road Dust, Culverts:**

Proposed site visit being scheduled.

### **Informational Items:**

#### **Crown Castle Correspondence**

Letter to be finalized and sent out.

#### **Master Plan Updates**

Committee reviewed three proposed layout options of Master Plan maps and made suggestions to decrease icon sizing and add names of creeks.

### **Street and Parks Facilities Renaming Review**

Notification of possibility of upcoming discussions on the renaming of historic street names that are associated with slave ownership.

### **West Harris Road/Barnesville Storm Water Control Update**

Repairs are in the planning stage and grant funding is available for the repairs.

### **ZTA 20-01 Community Solar in the Ag Reserve**

County Council is set to vote in September. A subcommittee will draft a letter opposing the project based upon RRAC's previous submissions, adding the need to include additional soil classes be exempt as an example of additional language.

**Adjourn**

**9:09 p.m.**