

## **RUSTIC ROADS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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

6:00-9:00 PM

Held on Zoom –



### **Virtual Meeting June 24, 2021**

#### **Attendees:**

**MCDOT Staff Coordinator:** Darcy Buckley  
Linsey Bryant, Executive Administrative Aide

#### **Members Present:**

Laura Van Etten, Chair  
Anne Davies  
Kamran Sadeghi  
Dan Seamans  
Bob Wilbur

#### **Guests:**

Jane Thompson, Member Emeritus  
Leslie Saville, Heritage Montgomery and Member Emeritus  
Gabriel Scott, Brewery Applicant  
Caroline Taylor, Montgomery Countryside Alliance  
Patrick Butler, Division Chief, M-NCPPC  
Jamey Pratt, M-NCPPC  
Lauren Campbell, M-NCPPC  
Ross Ostrander, Resident

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

#### **Guest Discussion:**

##### **Gabe Scott - 19120 Jerusalem Road (Rustic) – Driveway**

Gabriel Scott, applicant for a brewery, proposed plans for a separate driveway entrance to the property at 19120 Jerusalem Road as an entrance to a parking area. The 50' by 100' parking area would be on grass (thus it does not have to meet Erosion, Sediment Control, or Stormwater Management rules as would an impervious surface). Patrons would then walk up the existing driveway or a nearby path to a barn which will be turned into the brewery. Handicapped parking would be near the barn. Picnic tables would be placed outside the barn. Hours of operation are projected to be Tuesday and Wednesday pick-up only, and Thursday through Sunday Noon to 7:00 or 8:00 p.m. Capacity would be limited to 99 persons, which avoids limits on the number of events. Applicant stated that the second driveway was needed because the neighbors (his mother- and father-in-law) did not want additional traffic on the existing driveway. In fact, the property is currently used for a wedding and corporate event venue. It also has an entrance on State Road 28 and the Committee asked that the State Road be considered for entrance. The Committee recommended that applicant provide site plans which include an option for using the existing driveway and scaling details for a decision to be voted on.

## **Patrick Butler – Montgomery Planning, Regulatory Process**

Patrick Butler presented a slideshow to inform the committee of the Development Review Process in Park and Planning, particularly as it relates to deadlines. The briefing arose out of concerns over the late receipt of plans for the J&M Andrews subdivision on Westerly Road (rustic).

### **Action Items:**

#### **Sandy Spring Village – Meeting House Road (Exceptional Rustic)**

Committee received clarification from the MCDOT reviewer that the 80-foot right-of-way (ROW) request called for in the Master Plan will not be used for any improvements within that ROW. MCDOT requested installation of sidewalk to address ADA requirements; however, the area where it is requested only leads to a parking lot and not to the public park. Addition of a sidewalk would add costs to the project that could harm the affordability of the housing units. Committee drafting letter opposing the recommended sidewalk and supports not requiring the ROW with the application.

#### **Nominating Committee**

Notice for vacant committee positions was posted Monday, June 21, 2021, with a deadline of July 12, 2021. Current members are required to reapply. A nominating committee was approved made up of Bob Wilbur, Kamran Sadeghi and Laura Van Etten.

### **Discussion Items:**

#### **Gravel Road Training**

Committee reached out to Penn State to review their webinar on gravel road maintenance and distributed it to members for review and feedback. Suggested sending to MCDOT personnel for review.

#### **Brighton Dam Striping Follow-up**

Committee requesting contacts in each MCDOT division to improve outreach and communication.

#### **Potomac Edison Tree Trimming**

Tree debris is being left by Potomac Edison contractors along rustic roads on private properties. Committee requesting additional information to come to mutual agreement. Destruction of wide swaths of trees has occurred under power lines. Committee to contact Exec office and DPS arborists.

#### **23020 Peach Tree Road – Site Visit**

Committee planning site visit for driveway access from Peach Tree Road to property lots.

#### **Heritage Harvest**

Save the date for October 16-17, 2021. Location is pending.

### **Potential Retreat**

A retreat for 2021 and themes from past retreats were discussed. Leslie offered to head it up if the Committee decided to do it. Items needed quickly included a topic, key speaker, and a date (sometime in August or September was suggested). Any committee members having suggestions on these items should circulate them via email.

### **Heritage Montgomery Tours Update**

Leslie reported that she is working with Heritage Montgomery on this. The original "figure eight" tour has been cut into two tours. Sandy Spring is the next area to be considered; HM is looking to include rustic roads in the tours. Leslie is looking for suggestion on tours; the goal is ten tours to start.

### **Cell Phone Tower proposed for Old Hundred Road (rustic)**

Jamey indicated that an application has been filed for a cell phone tower on Old Hundred Rd. RRAC is being asked to provide feedback on the potential impact on any affected rustic roads. RRAC will be notified of the date and time for the balloon test.

**Adjourn**

**8:42 p.m.**