

RUSTIC ROADS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

4th Thursday of the month

6:00-9:00 PM

Held on Zoom –



Virtual Meeting May 27, 2021

Attendees:

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

Members Present:

Laura Van Etten, Chair
Anne Davies
Kamran Sadeghi

Absent Members:

Bob Tworkowski
Lonnie Luther
Dan Seamans
Bob Wilbur

Guests:

Jane Thompson, Member Emeritus
Mark Terry, MCDOT
Wade Holland, Vision Zero
William Kominers, KCG Companies
Stacy Kaplowitz, KCG Companies
Liz Rogers, Attorney, Lerch, Early & Brewer
Matthew Karim, KCG Companies

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

Guest Discussion:

Brighton Dam Road (Rustic) – Pavement Striping

Mark Terry, Chief, Traffic Engineering Studies, MCDOT met with the Committee to discuss the decision and analysis associated with adding center lane striping to Brighton Dam Road between Bordly Drive and New Hampshire Avenue. He states that the markings were installed due to safety concerns arising from data showing speeding. The Committee requested the referenced data behind the theory that center line striping reduces speeds. The Committee also discussed speed humps as traffic calming devices.

Action Items:

Sandy Spring Village – Meeting House Road (Exceptional Rustic)

Developers presented plans to re-purpose the three existing buildings located on the property at the intersection of Olney-Sandy Spring Road and Meeting House Road into 100% affordable age-restricted housing. Limited changes to the exterior of the property are proposed, focusing primarily on accessibility and safety for the residents, as well as landscape enhancements. The proposed interior changes include conversion into 56 units. Concerns were raised

regarding the Master Plan’s designation for an 80-foot right-of-way. The current ROW ranges from 29 feet to 56 feet. In addition, the developers expressed opposition to sidewalk construction requested by MCDOT. The Committee members present expressed support for the proposal without ROW or sidewalk changes.

J&M Andrews Farm – Westerly Road (Rustic)

Committee members previously conducted a site visit of proposed driveway along Westerly Road when this plan was initially considered. There was no impact to trees and the applicant agreed to relocate further from an existing driveway per Committee’s request. Due to the lack of a quorum, the Committee agreed to conduct a special meeting to approve plans for the driveway.

Discussion Items:

Retirement of Park & Planning Committee Member

Committee discussed Patrick Butler's update on potential replacements for recently retired M-NCPPC representative Leslie Saville.

Future Meetings

The Committee members unanimously expressed support for meeting online.

Biennial Report

The Committee Chair will circulate ideas and a draft outline.

Information Items:

Glen Road Bridge over Sandy Branch

Darcy Buckley updated the Committee. Barry Fuss will obtain an estimate for making the changes approved by the Committee per the Glenstone design.

Adjourn

7:57 p.m.