

RUSTIC ROADS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

4th Thursday of the month

6:00-9:00 PM

Held on Zoom –



Virtual Meeting December 2, 2021

Attendees:

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

Members Present:

Laura Van Etten, Chair
Bob Wilbur
Anne Davies
Barbara Hoover
Dan Seamans
Kamran Sadeghi
Charles Mess

Guests:

Don Zeigler, M-NCPPC
Jamey Pratt, M-NCPPC
Roberto Duke, M-NCPPC
Leslie Seville, Heritage Montgomery and Member Emeritus

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m.

Action Items:

Belt Property, Driveway on Peach Tree Road (rustic) – Reconsideration

Revised plans were submitted showing an adjustment made to the location of the driveway entrance north of the location previously approved by the Committee. This will entail closing of an existing driveway entrance due to lack of line-of-sight. Unanimously approved by the Committee.

DPS Driveway Response to RRAC

Committee received response from DPS regarding the request to review driveway applications. Motion was approved to draft a letter to the County Executive asking for regulation allowing RRAC to review driveway applications going to DPS.

CIP Bridges

Committee is to review list of bridges and provide comments on those that are listed as a significant feature. Comments to include what should be preserved under law and that the Committee desires to work on preservation and rehabilitation of such bridges. Clarification is needed to determine if Federal funding could be possible. Currently, all long-span bridges are submitted for review for federal funding.

Exceptional Rustic Designation of Roads

Discussed endorsing a change in designation of roads from rustic to exceptional rustic; the Committee voted to recommend exceptional rustic designation for Wildcat Road, Davis Mill Road, Brighton Dam Road (current rustic section), Riggs Road, Query Mill Road (western section), and Peach Tree Road (northern section).

South Glen Road – Curbing/Long-Term Action

Committee discussed MCDOT plans for curbing and suggestions were made to review possible alternatives. Members plan to measure the road and defer until Spring. Others discussed drainage concerns regarding infrequent culvert cleanings and excess water flow due to extreme storms. MCDOT staff advised that requests for investigation and/or maintenance can be made through MC311.

Barnesville Roads -- Request to remain in RRAC Program

Committee received request from Planning to confirm if the Town of Barnesville's roads would continue to be included in the Rustic Roads program. The Mayor of Barnesville sent a letter to the Planning Department confirming the Town's wish to have their roads continue to be included in the program. The Committee drafted letter supporting the Town's participation, as well.

Discussion:

Driveway at 22308 Peach Tree Road -- previous site visit

Members provided heads-up of future driveway application at this address.

Informational Items:

Master Plan Update

Members discussed the status of the Master Plan (MP) update, reviewing Rustic Roads as they relate to the requirements set regarding Special Protection Areas (SPA) and Primary Management Areas (PMA). GIS overlays were presented to the Committee for review. Roads within PMAs include Aitcheson, Brighton Dam, Brown Church, Halterman, Holsey, Mt. Carmel Cemetery, Mullinix Mill, and Riding Stable. This data is being included in the MP as a reference point that applicants and DPS may access when submitting and approving plan applications for driveways, subdivisions, etc. The preliminary MP update is expected by the end of January. Committee members continue to conduct site visits to evaluate roads for rustic designation.

River Road -- Site Visit on completed work

A few Committee members visited site to observe recently completed work and reported that culverts are now very large, the road surface is mostly smooth with some beginnings of potholes, but there is no crown on the road. Where the asbestos was found and remediated the road is very muddy.

Rustic Roads Program Presentation to Civic Associations

The Committee voted to approve the use of the Rustic Roads logo on a newly designed Power Point presentation created by Barbara Hoover to be used as outreach to civic associations and HOAs.

Open Meetings Act Training and Roberts Rules Training

Some members need to complete training.

2022 Meeting Schedule

Changing June meeting to June 30, 2022, and September meeting to September 29, 2022.

Adjourn

8:20 p.m.