

RUSTIC ROADS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

4th Thursday of the month

6:00-9:00 PM

Held on Zoom –



Virtual Meeting January 27, 2022

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
Charlie Mess

Guests:

Jamey Pratt, M-NCPPC
Roberto Duke, M-NCPPC
Leslie Saville, Member Emeritus and Heritage Montgomery
Jane Thompson, Member Emeritus
Sean Hughes, Miller Miller & Canby
Jose Alvarez, Applicant, Chapingo
Josh Hough, Chapingo
Nelson Moskowitz, Staff Attorney, Chapingo
John Sekerak, Stantec Land Planners
Caroline Taylor, Montgomery Countryside Alliance

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m.

Minutes from September and October 2021 – approved.

Action Items:

12120 Prices Distillery Road – Conditional Use – Chapingo Tree, CU 202207

Chapingo LLC has a Conditional Use application for a landscaping business at 12120 Prices Distillery Road. The plans provide for the conditional use of four acres on this property which includes use of existing barn for storing landscaping equipment (approx. 15). Site is not intended to be for customer use and there should be minimal staff on-site during the daytime hours. Members discussed concerns about firewood cutting and wood being stored or disposed of on-site; Committee was advised that no wood splitting or storage would occur on the premises and Applicant agreed to commit that to writing in the application. A question arose as to whether a permit was required for the above-ground fueling tanks (500 gal. diesel tank and 300 gal. gasoline tank); attorney will investigate. Applicant was asked to provide DPS letter regarding use of pole building. Applicant stated that the Forest Conservation Plan was being revised. Arborvitae trees will be used for screening parking areas from sight. Committee members request restricted use of Burnt Hill Road bridge and to protect view of the stream from Prices Distillery Road. The Committee recommends deferring decision to

until application is finalized. Jamey Pratt of Planning Department stated that Rebecca Ballo of Historic Preservation will give input on the historic John M. King barn.

11410 Game Preserve Road – Driveway Concept Plan

Applicant submitted concept plan to construct house on this property along with driveway onto Game Preserve. It was also noted that a waiver was going to be submitted to have septic system instead of public sewer. Committee agreed to draft letter of support for construction of the home at the back of the property, along with notation that forest should be retained between house and road. The Committee is not supportive of a septic system that would remove trees along the road, particularly since the public sewer line is only 150 feet away.

Letter to Maryland Historical Trust

Proposal was presented to the committee to draft a letter of support for Suzy Hanson, a citizen advocacy award nominee, on behalf of the Rural Roads Program for Frederick County. Committee unanimously approved motion to draft letter of support.

Discussion:

MCDOT Budget Briefing – Capital and Operating

Committee was briefed on the operating and capital budget process and directed to the Office of Management and Budget’s Open Budget website for more detailed information.

Informational Items:

Update – Jerusalem Road Brewery Driveway

A site-visit was conducted; members were concerned that there was no permit and no review.

Master Plan Update

Updates continue and a briefing to the Planning Board is planned for late February.

Committee Member Training

Notified members on required training that needs to be completed.

Schaeffer Road Bridge

No update. Members discussed reviewing requirements for preservation to maintain the National Register eligibility status.

Civic Outreach

A slideshow presentation was shown as developed by Committee member Barbara Hoover, in her position as Civic Association representative outside the Ag Reserve, which will educate communities on the history of and the need for the Rustic Roads program.

Barnesville Road – Speed bumps

Committee discussed the proposal of speed humps along Barnesville Road and plan to conduct a site visit to clarify proposed location.

Proposed Noon Zooms

Future Zoom meetings to be schedules to discuss the Hoyles Mill ruins, Special Protection Areas and tree canopy, Historic African American school houses and Old Roads New Histories.

Adjourn

8:46 p.m.