

RUSTIC ROADS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

4th Thursday of the month

6:00-9:00 PM

Held on Zoom –



Virtual Meeting August 25, 2022

Members Present:

Laura Van Etten, Chair

Barbara Hoover

Charles Mess

Dan Seamans

Anne Davies

MCDOT Staff Coordinator: Darcy Buckley

Linsey Bryant, Executive Administrative Aide

Guests:

Roberto Duke, Montgomery Planning Department

Leslie Seville, Member Emeritus

Jane Thompson, Member Emeritus

David McKee, Benning & Associates

Jim Clifford, Clifford, Debelius & Boynton, Attorney for King family

John Stuart, Arborist, Damascus

Michael Wiley, P.E., Piedmont Design Group

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

Action Items:

Batson Road, Administrative Subdivision 620220080

Committee reviewed plans for development of 7.8-acre lot at the corner of Batson Road and Brogden Road. Mr. McKee received feedback from Fire and Rescue Services (FRS) during the DRC meeting regarding the road not being wide enough for emergency vehicles to pass. FRS is requesting an “operational area” as a pass-by/pull-off area adjacent to one of the two fire hydrants along the property. Mr. McKee proposed that the “operational area” be installed along Brogden Road to avoid affecting Batson Road (rustic). Committee will draft letter of approval recommending minimal impacts to Batson Road and if widening or “operational area” is necessary that it occur on Brogden Road. The committee is in support of the revised driveway as well as any tree mitigation, if needed.

Discussion Items:

Kings Valley Road – Future Master Planned Development

Mr. Clifford discussed Kings Valley Road designation as rustic vs exceptional rustic in the future master plan. West side of road is historic where Mary and Doug King ran a Holstein breeding farm. East side of road is planned for 40-60 lots on 20% of 120 acres (80% open space requirement in Rural Neighborhood Cluster zone). Committee discussed whether “exceptional rustic” designation could affect the future development. The committee had proposed “exceptional rustic” for this portion of the road but expressed willingness to accept Planning Department recommendation for “rustic.”

Nominating Committee

Nominating Committee appointed to interview candidates and nominate a new member to fill membership vacancy.

Information Items:

Tucker Lane

Committee reiterates need for site visit with MCDOT regarding concerns about sharp curves, pavement conditions and possible signage.

Berryville Road & White Ground Road

Proposed site visits to address concerns about road conditions from the community.

MCA Ride for the Reserve – Table at Linden Farm 9/25/22

Committee planning to have public outreach table/tent at the event.

Master Plan Update

Data has been compiled and under review by senior Planning staff; in the process of taking more photos. Working Draft is to be posted by September 15 with hearing to be October 27.

Adjourn

7.53 p.m.