

## **RUSTIC ROADS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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

6:00-9:00 PM

Held on Zoom –



### **Virtual Meeting October 27, 2022**

#### **Attendees:**

##### **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:**

Jamey Pratt, Planning Department

Leslie Seville, Member Emeritus

David McKee, Benning & Associates

Claire Dockman, Project Manager, Gregg Road Solar Project

Peter Ciferri, Attorney, McMillan Metro, Gregg Road Solar Project

John Stuart, Resident

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

Meeting minutes were approved from July, August, and September.

#### **Action Items:**

##### **Howard Property Admin. Subdivision 620230020 – Batchellors Forest Road**

Applicant proposes to develop a home on a 2.5-acre lot to be divided off the larger family property. Plans include retainage of roadside trees. The road measures 18.5 ft at this location. Fire and Rescue (FRS) requiring widening the roadway at the fire hydrant to 20-ft x 60-ft for a pull-off area to accommodate emergency vehicles. An alternative discussed was widening the driveway apron to 20-ft at the road for 60-ft into the property (standard option) or widening the road for 60-ft along the front of the property. Committee delayed a decision in order to investigate the seemingly new FRS requirements to widening of roads at fire hydrants, as well as to review other options.

##### **Solar Concept Plan 520220360 – Gregg Road – Request to Designate Rustic**

Representatives of this project asked that a portion of Gregg Road be designated rustic. Jamey Pratt explained that in the 1993 plan there was no mention of this section of Gregg Road even though the rest of the road was recommended for rustic designation, as were portions of adjoining roads Riggs and Zion. Committee suggested screening be added to protect the view of the solar panels from the roadway; requested possible planting of arborvitae, or something similar. Applicant refused to consider screening until the Conditional Use process. The applicant pointed out that if left non-rustic, this section of Gregg could be at risk for multiple improvements such as lighting, sidewalks, and etc. that are inconsistent with the rustic portion of Gregg. The Committee voted to support the rustic designation in the current draft Master Plan.

**Discussion:**

**Speed Limit on Peach Tree Road**

A resident expressed an interest in reducing the speed limit. Committee discussed current speed limits. Darcy Buckley will ask Traffic Operations to review the conditions and possibly conduct a traffic study.

**Equestrian Crossing Sign on Slidell, Peach Tree, and West Old Baltimore Road**

Parks reviewed request for signage and signs should be installed.

**Left-Turn Caution Signage on Old Bucklodge Lane**

Committee member Anne Davies raised this issue. Agreed to submit request via MC311.

**Tucker Lane – No Left-Turn on MD-108**

Committee discussed reaching out to State Highway Administration. No update from MCDOT engineer at this time.

**Information Items**

**County Council – Speed Humps**

Council approved the use of flat humps along Rustic Roads; 22-ft wide at 750-ft intervals.

**Former/New Members**

Bob Wilbur, former member, approved to be designated as Member Emeritus, and Elena Shuvalov, new member, will be at next meeting.

**Rustic Road Signage**

Committee members volunteered to assess locations that need signage with Rustic Roads logo. It was suggested that members take pictures and send list to Traffic Operations for completion.

**Master Plan Update – RRAC Testimony**

Committee chair is designated as member to present testimony at Planning Board on behalf of RRAC on November 17, 2022. Subcommittee to review priorities prior to giving testimony.

**Adjourn**

**8:00 p.m.**