

## **RUSTIC ROADS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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

6:00-9:00 PM

Held on Zoom



### **Virtual Meeting March 2, 2023**

#### **Attendees:**

##### **Members Present:**

Laura Van Etten, Chair

Anne Davies

Dan Seamans

Charles Mess

Barbara Hoover

Elena Shuvalov

Jamey Pratt (non-voting)

**MCDOT Staff Coordinator:** Darcy Buckley

#### **Guests:**

Leslie Saville, Member Emeritus

Jane Thompson, Member Emeritus

Tawanda Johnson, MCDOT

Joel Albert, Potomac, MD resident

Ann Huang, affiliation unknown

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m.

#### **Action Items:**

- **Rein Community Solar Installation, 5011 Riggs Road, CU202305, power line burial adjacent to 21310 Zion Road (rustic)**  
Committee reviewed most recent drawings for boring of power line near the rustic road. Committee voted to recommend that any loss of trees with diameter 4 inches or greater due to the installation of the electrical connection be mitigated with the same number of trees on site, and chosen from the Roadside Tree list. Committee asked for additional screening similar to that shown on the Landscape Plan for the north and west sides of the solar array to be provided on the east side anywhere that would be visible from Zion Road in the winter.
- **Glen Road line of sight issues due to hillsides – Joel Albert, resident**  
Committee reviewed the concern of Mr. Albert that an area of Glen Road has line-of-sight problems due to hillsides, road elevation changes, and curves. Committee voted to request that Traffic Engineering have the area evaluated for acceptable measures to remediate said line-of-sight difficulties and possible excessive speeds.
- **Margaret M. Rast Trust Property, Concept Plan 520230100, Big Woods Road**  
Committee reviewed proposal for 18 homes on 37 acres. Committee voted to advise Planning Department of preference to limit driveway access points onto rustic Big Woods Road, and to preserve trees on the roadside and within the right-of-way.

- **Schaeffer Road Bridge 30% TS&L Plans**

Committee voted to contact Director Chris Conklin to obtain answer to 2022 inquiry regarding retention of an historic consultant for this project, and deferred discussion of the drawings.

- **Old Bucklodge Lane left turn sign**

Committee reviewed the request of member Anne Davies for a left turn sign where vehicles have left the road and damaged fencing. Committee voted to clarify with Traffic Engineering the choice of a single sign at a specific site.

**Information Items:**

- **Eric Ledbetter hike to African American Heritage sites**

Jane Thompson presented possible hike dates and several Committee members and guests indicated interest in attending. TBA.

- **Master Plan Update**

The RRFMP was completed by the Planning Board on Feb. 9. Jamey Pratt advised the Committee that the Planning Department had sent copies to County Council on Jan. 27.

- **Testimony before Hearing Examiner re: Chapingo CU**

Committee voted to approve written and in-person testimony to oppose the Chapingo CU before the Hearing Examiner in this remanded case. Volunteers for the in-person testimony will be handled via email.

**Adjourn**

**7:40 p.m.**