

RUSTIC ROADS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

4th Thursday of the month

6:00-9:00 PM

Held on Zoom



Virtual Meeting March 23, 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: Christina Contreras
Linsey Bryant, Management & Budget Specialist I
Tawanda Johnson, Executive Administrative Aide

Guests:

Leslie Saville, Member Emeritus

Jane Thompson, Member Emeritus

Paul Tukey, Glenstone Museum representative

Rocky Powell, Glenstone Museum consultant

Steve Aldrich, Montgomery Planning

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

Meeting minutes for March 2, 2023 were approved.

Action Items:

Glen Road Bridge (M-0148) over Sandy Branch – 60% Plans – Paul Tukey, Glenstone Museum

Committee reviewed comments from MCDOT consultant Stantec relating to bridge width, elevation, safety fencing, concrete abutments, and scour protection. Concerns were expressed by Glenstone over metal fencing, concrete and rip rap. Committee to write to MCDOT to address three aspects – natural product solution (wood) to chain-link fence, natural stone stacked to cover concrete wing wall, and natural stone as alternative to riprap. Aesthetically pleasing stone is requested. Rocky Powell (consultant) to provide Committee with Glenstone/MCDOT correspondence and suggestions. Glenstone recommends less maintenance for MCDOT downstream by installing vegetation/foilage along the stream banks. Motion passed by Committee.

Schaeffer Road Bridge (M-0137) – 30% Plans

MCDOT engineer Barry Fuss states in March 22 letter that none of the bridge can be saved, does not mention historic consultant but is using standard bridge engineering consulting firm. They will work with RRAC on railings and parapets. Bridge is currently classified as National Register Eligible. When receiving federal funding there must be a Cultural Resources Review which is required by law under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966. SHA is responsible. This review has not begun. Leslie to introduce Christina via email to Kari Sprengeler at SHA who may be leading this review since the retirement of Anne Bruder. Laura/Leslie to construct email/memo to Tim Tamburrino of Maryland Historic Trust. Motion passed by Committee.

17215 Elmer School Road – Proposed Farm Driveway Jamisons not in attendance. Rural Legacy Easement property. Referral from the Soil Conservation District. Committee approved driveway based upon location over 100 feet north of the streambed along tree line, to be constructed in accordance with SCD guidelines. Motion passed by Committee.

Discussion Items:

Master Plan Update – County Council hearing April 18

Testimony in support from RRAC. Motion passed by Committee.

Possible Frederick County closure of ford on Prices Distillery Road

Future letter possible

Information Items:

Eric Ledbetter hike to African American Heritage sites

April 7 at 10:00 AM Elton Farm Road at Patuxent River State Park

Wasche Road patching and intersection with Whites Ferry Road – site visit report

Wayne Ray and Mike Giles met with RRAC subcommittee. Request to be made to Jeff Knutsen to remove posts from road edge. Plans are to taper asphalt 18 inches down to get rid of steep edge. Motion passed by Committee to send memo to Jeff Knutsen if this is not confirmed by Wayne Ray.

Tucker Lane Culvert Replacement Update

No need to talk discuss (photos only)

Martinsburg Road patching

Letter to be sent to Historic Preservation staff clarifying that planned asphalt patching was not in the historic section of the road (just north of Politician's section). RRAC supports the roadwork and is currently working with DOT. Recommend that road should be milled. Motion passed by Committee.

Chapango CU – Hearing Examiner Request for Information

Delays until June, no further discussion at this time – revisit in April or May.

White Ground Road Pipe Replacement and Patching

Reviewed information sent from Frank, no further discussion at this time. Patching and new culvert

“Bike to Work” Day

RRAC to consider setting up an information booth in the Kentlands or other location.

Turkey Foot Road & Jones Lane – Fatal accident

Civic Association representatives to be invited to attend RRAC site visit with MCDOT representative (possibly Mark Terry, Traffic Engineering and Safety). Christina to coordinate.

Adjourn

8:20 p.m.