

RUSTIC ROADS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

4th Thursday of the month

6:00-9:00 PM



In-Person Meeting June 27, 2024

Attendees:

Members:

Sandy Heiler
Mason Hopkins
Barbara Hoover
Tom Linthicum
Jamey Pratt, non-voting
Kamran Sadeghi
Elena Shuvalov
Richard Thoms
Billy Willard

Guests:

Degan Bartels, MCDOT
Ed Boyce, Live Edge Vineyard
Mark Chaplik, MCDOT
Brian Copley, MCDOT
Richard Dorsey, MCDOT
Florence Dwyer, Montgomery County Planning Department
Kevin Foster
Frank Kingsley, MCDOT
Jeff Knutsen, MCDOT
Bernie Mihm
John Stuart
Dale Tibbets, Montgomery County Executive's Office
Laura Van Etten, Member Emeritus

MCDOT Staff Coordinator: Chris Van Alstyne

MCDOT Executive Administrative Aide: Tawanda Johnson

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Action Items

Approval of Minutes from May 23, 2024, Meeting

Committee members approved minutes.

Discussion Items

Live Edge Vineyards, 25201 Peach Tree Road Clarksburg, MD

RRAC advised Ed Boyce to return when he had more detailed plan, work with Montgomery Fire and Rescue access to limit size of access point and other impacts on Peach Tree Rd.

Gregg Road Solar, Zion Road Culvert Replacement – F20230320

Committee has no objections to new/updated application as long as they use proposed guardrail (CalTrans Type 85).

Nominating Committee for Committee Chair and Farmer Vacancy

Following RRAC members volunteered for committee: Elena Shuvalov, Billy Willard, and Mason Hopkins.

RRAC Biennial Report

Review report and send edits/comments to Laura Van Etten, Barbara Hoover, Elena Shuvalov and Chris Van Alstyne for next meeting.

Ride for the Reserve – Volunteers

Laura Van Etten to be point person for volunteers. Committee members to get needs to Chris Van Alstyne requests for new Rustic Roads banners/maps, etc. for public outreach event.

Confirm date of next meeting

Next meeting at 7:00 pm on August 22, 2024

Planning Department Updates:

Updates from Old Hundred Road Telecom Tower

Committee has no opposition to proposed plan with original proposal for non-painted tower.

MCDOT Updates

Shaeffer Road Bridge Replacement

The existing MCDOT preliminary design plans are acceptable to RRAC. Widening of the bridge was determined to be unnecessary. The longer span desired by Parks would require MCDOT to start over and would be expensive and potentially more impactful. The Committee passed a motion to support the original proposed plan.

Davis Mill & Wildcat Road Intersection

Chris Van Alstyne to request sign/traffic control plans from MCDOT to be reviewed by committee.

Glen Road Bridge Replacement (Rehab)

Brian Copley to provide railing options for committee to review/choose. RRAC will discuss options in next meeting.

Roads needing proper Rustic Roads signage.

Volunteers needed for site visits to confirm standard of signage. Chris Van Alstyne to build and share tracking form.

Next steps on road maintenance for: White Ground Road, Peach Tree Road, Sugarland Road

Per MCDOT staff, road will be tar and chipped. Peach Tree Road to begin early August. No objections were voiced.

Meeting adjourned at 9:11 p.m.