



MINUTES
RUSTIC ROADS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
September 22, 2009
Executive Office Building - Rockville

Members:

Fred Lechliden
Eric Spates
Marc Miller
Robert Goldberg
Jim Arnoult
Robin Ziek
Kevin Foster

Leslie Saville - MNCPPC
Sarah Navid – Staff

Guest: Karen Carpenter – PETRA Engineering

The meeting began at 7:00 PM.

Minutes – The June 30, 2009 minutes were approved.

Potomac Estates – Karen Carpenter gave a presentation of a proposed subdivision on Montevideo Road. (exceptional rustic). Two new homes are to be built on 3.6 acre lots out of the 73-acre property. The remaining acreage will be divided between two outlots which will continue to be farmed. The property will be served by private wells and sand mound sewer systems. An existing driveway will be used to serve one home, with a new driveway planned for the other one. The proposed houses are situated towards the back of the property and will have minimum visibility from the road. The Committee did not have any issues with the proposed development.

Tree Trimming – Three roads were identified by Eric that need trimming and should be sent to Highway Maintenance: Montevideo Road (near River Road), Elmer School Road and River Road (gravel section, Elmer School Road to MD 107).

Global Mission Church –The Committee did not believe they would have any meaningful input since Old Hundred Road (MD 109) is a State road and SHA controls access decisions.

Design Guidelines – Another subcommittee meeting was suggested in October before the regular meeting.

Identification signs on rustic roads –The RRAC voted unanimously to pursue removal of the item in the Executive Regulation that prohibits the installation of free standing identification signs in the right of way on rustic roads. The Committee agreed that the

strategy to persuade DOT to support this change, would be to make it revenue neutral. The RRAC will look into various private funding sources for the signing.

Other Items Discussed:

- **Game Preserve Road** – The letter from the RRAC to the County Council requesting that Game Preserve Road be designated as a rustic road in the Gaithersburg West Master Plan was delivered. The speaker schedule for the public hearings was full.
- **Preserving the Historic Road** – The conference will be held October 9-12, 2010 and a tour of Montgomery County's rustic roads is proposed, possibly in conjunction with Loudon County, Virginia. Leslie is attending the pre-conference meetings and will keep the Committee updated.
- **Letter to MNCPPC** – A letter will be drafted to Rollin Stanley, Planning Director, requesting that all items affecting rustic roads be brought to the attention of the committee.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Date Approved: October 27, 2009