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RUSTIC ROADS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

April 28, 2009
Executive Office Building - Rockville

Members:

Marc Miller  Leslie Saville - MNCPPC
Robert Goldberg  Sarah Navid – Staff
Kevin Foster
Eric Spates
Jim Arnoult
Robin Ziek
Fred Lechlider

The meeting began at 7:00 PM.

Minutes – Eric proposed, Jim seconded approval of the March 19, 2009 meeting minutes.

Bill No. 20-09– The Committee discussed the bill introduced by Councilmember George Leventhal with the purpose of reducing County operating costs by reducing the number of Boards, Committees and Commissions. This Bill would implement the recommendations of the 2004 CERB report and, specifically, recommends that the RRAC become a subcommittee of the Agricultural Advisory Committee (AAC).

The RRAC reviewed a draft letter to the Council and recommended that it be rewritten to strengthen the language and put statements up front that they don’t see any cost savings in the proposal. The RRAC has very little overlap with the AAC and would still need separate staff support. The creation of a subcommittee could actually increase costs, if two, rather that one meeting per month was required.

Bob will try to attend the Public Hearing before the Council on May 12 at 1:30. Robin volunteered to be the back-up.

Design Guidelines – The Committee discussed the need for Design Guidelines for Rustic Roads. These are needed for those items that are not currently covered by the Executive Regulation or where more specific design guidance is desirable. Kevin suggested and volunteered to chair a sub-committee to begin drafting these.
Other items discussed:

- Whether the Committee should have a mission statement
- Need letter to Royce Hanson updating August 12, 2008 letter to Rollin Stanley regarding re-classification of Allnutt Lane, Bentley Road and Mt. Carmel Cemetery Road and other issues

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Date Approved: 5/26/09