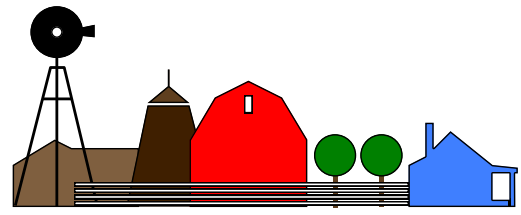


## RUSTIC ROADS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

7-9 PM Executive Office Building, Rockville

15<sup>th</sup> floor conference room



Meeting of July 2, 2013

(Note: meeting rescheduled from June 25<sup>th</sup> due to power outage in the EOB.)

### **Members present:**

Angela Butler  
Marc Miller  
Christopher Marston  
Bob Goldberg  
Eric Spates  
Greg Deaver  
Greg Glenn

**M-NCPPC member:** Leslie Saville

**Staff coordinator:** Jay Beatty

### **Guests:**

Jane Thompson – potential member  
Randy Paugh. -- Chief Pavement Mgmt, DOT  
Irma Bryd – resident, Sugarland Road

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The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm in a new trial location in the EOB Conference Rm.

### **Minutes**

The May 21, 2013 minutes were approved with minor corrections.

### **Correspondence**

There was no correspondence to review.

### **Member Replacement**

Jane Thompson has been identified as a qualified applicant for Bob's position. Jay, Marc, Christopher and Leslie conducted an interview prior to the formal meeting. At the meeting itself Jane introduced herself and explained her background. She is a member of the Sugarloaf Citizens Association. The interviewing panel gave a good review of Jane. A motion was made and passed to go forward with Jane's nomination to the Committee (Comm.)

### **Presentations:**

**Randy Paugh** gave a lengthy and excellent overview of DOT's maintenance program. He handed out and explained DOT's organizational chart and a brochure of their accomplishments. He explained how they assess the pavement condition of all the roads periodically. Randy mentioned that often their repairs to rural roads are often not "the" permanent fix and are pseudo-temporary especially w/ their limited budgets in recent years. The age and non-standard original construction of many rural roads also complicates this issue. There was long discussion on tree trimming and vegetative maintenance. Tree trimming is important for vehicle sight distance and safety. Randy explained the County's 311 system and how it is currently used for service requests and how they track their work thru it. This is how roadway maintenance requests should be handled in general.

**Irma Boyd** handed out a letter to the Comm. and explained her concern to Randy. Her concern is primarily the condition of the shoulders and pavement of Sugarland Road. She is concerned about the erosion of the shoulders and the non-permanent repair of them. She is also concerned about the increased usage of the road and safety. Randy listened to her concerns and said that he would enter a 311 request for her and schedule a field visit.

### **Roadway Safety Concerns:**

DOT's email response to Bob's previous concerns was routed around during the above discussion. It appears that the issues (see prev. minutes) will be addressed.

### **Share the Road Update**

Leslie presented the photo-shopped photo of the "Share the Road" sign. Greg D. was satisfied that it would be workable as a functional sign that could be seen. It was suggested that we write letters on parallel paths to the Ag. Advisory Comm and the M.C.A. asking for their "top ten" potential locations for the sign. We could also reach out to Parks Mgmt for hikers, DOT for cyclists and "Trot" for equestrians and see if any of those users have particular hotspots.

### **Rustic Roads Guidelines**

Comments can still be provided. In general the photos look great. There were a few comments on them. Once we have our final comments we will amend, agree and send out the Guidelines for their 1<sup>st</sup> round of formal comments from agencies and interested parties. It was suggested that we send them to:

Head of DOT and some of the Div Chiefs

Park & Planning Dept head...others..?

DPS Director

Ag Advisory Group

Glenn Orlin (County Council)

Cyclist organization(s)

Historic Preservation Commission

Montgomery Countryside Alliance (Caroline Taylor)

Sugarloaf Citizens Association (Jim Brown?)

We should also include the Appendices w/ the 1<sup>st</sup> draft. We should ask for comments far enough out to allow time for the various Dept heads to pass down to appropriate staff and also give the Comm time to digest and amend as appropriate.

### **Public Awareness**

Angela mentioned that the Montgomery Farm Bureau is having a dinner and that possibly the Comm could have a booth there. We would need some sort of handout if we were to have a booth. Angela and Greg both offered to work on brochure for Rustic Roads and will see how it goes.

### **Maryland Scenic Byways workshop**

Leslie attended this workshop and found it very useful. The Byways folks are creating plans for 2 corridors in Mont Co. There were three excellent presentations by Maryland Byways and Maryland Environmental Trust staff. Included were new GIS tools and easement programs. MET has easement programs that should be considered for preserving scenic views along Byways, and should also be considered for scenic views on other rustic roads.

### **Adjourned**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 6, 2013, at 6:30 pm.

**MINUTES APPROVED: August 6<sup>th</sup> 2013**