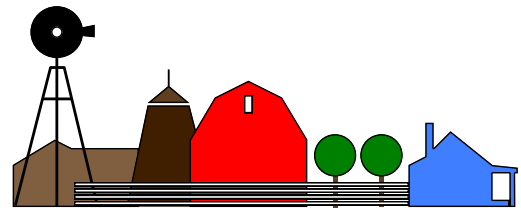


RUSTIC ROADS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

4th Tuesday of the month

7-9 PM Executive Office Building, Rockville

15th floor conference room



Minutes

Meeting of September 24, 2013

Members present:

Angela Butler

Marc Miller

Christopher Marston

Eric Spates

Jane Thompson, replacement member

M-NCPPC member: Leslie Saville

Staff coordinator: Jay Beatty

Members Absent:

Greg Deaver

Bob Goldberg

Greg Glenn

Guests: Randy Paugh, MCDOT

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

Minutes

The August 6, 2013 minutes were approved with minor corrections.

Member Replacement

Jay and Jane mentioned that her nomination had been approved by the Exec and forwarded to the Council for confirmation. Jay believes Council confirmation is set for 10/5/13.

Presentations:

Sugarland Road Repairs

Randy Paugh gave a good presentation on DOT's proposal to repair the shoulders of Sugarland Rd. He and his staff have conducted a site visit with American Paving Fabrics representatives to determine the right fix for the shoulders. It has been determined the best repair strategy is to regrade and remove approximately a 2" nominal depth of the existing shoulder material and replace it with three applications of Chip – Seal" ("Tar and Chip"). He provided handouts—1) a photo of the roadway cross section and 2) a description of the Chip Seal process.

Randy feels that this is in compliance with maintaining the character of the historic road. DOT would like to proceed ASAP while the weather still warm enough as long as the Comm is in agreement. If okayed by the Comm he will forward a letter to Irma Byrd (previous RRAC guest) notifying her of the planned improvement schedule.

Randy excused himself and the Comm discussed the proposal further. The Comm was in favor of the proposal. It was noted that Greg D and Greg G. both had indicated the approval of the project in earlier emails. Jay will email Randy the Comm's approval (note Jay did this on 10/25/13).

Rustic Roads Guidelines

The draft Guidelines are out for comments via the broadcast email of 8-28-13. Jay said he rec'd a nice email from Glenn Orlin of the Council staff complimenting the Comm's job on the Guidelines, but no other comments. Jane said the Sugarloaf Cit. Assoc is working on the Guidelines. Kudos were given to Christopher for his work on the Guidelines. Everyone was asked to remind folks about the comments being due 10-15-13.

Public Awareness

Leslie handed out some beautiful, colorful 8 ½ x 11's of a map of the County's Rustic Roads and an overview w/ photos of the RR program. Leslie and Greg G. worked these up together.

Angela mentioned that she and Greg G. staffed a booth with the new poster board with the Rustic Roads info on it at the Montgomery Farm Bureau dinner on 9/20. She said it went great w/ many visitors coming by to chat. Marc mentioned maybe he could staff a booth at the Germantown Oktoberfest. Angela has the board. Marc and Angela will coordinate.

Brochures are still a possibility so that folks have something to take with them at events that we staff. The Comm would like to develop a list of similar calendar events to staff. Jay mentioned that possibly we could keep the poster board and other public awareness materials in the closets of the new room as a sort of "kit", so that it can be easily picked up by Comm members at regular Comm meetings in advance of festivals and events and then dropped back off.

Correspondence

Christopher presented the landscaping plan for the MNCPPC **Darby Store project**. The Comm liked the plan and welcomed its usage on native plants. One suggestion was made to use another native shrub "Shadbush". Christopher will email the Parks Dept rep. an approval.

Jay presented an approval letter on the **Stanmore trail** and the Comm gave him some comments back.

Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 22, 2013, at 6:30 pm.

MINUTES APPROVED: 10/22/2013