Minutes of the Howard County Public Works Board – February 9, 2021

Members present: Ms. Abby Glassberg, Acting Chairperson, Pedro Ramirez, Mr. Michael P. McLellan, and Mr. Alan Whitworth.

Staff present: Thomas J. Meunier, Executive Secretary; Robert Barnett, Engineering Specialist II, Construction Inspection Division; John Alcorn, Engineering Specialist II, John Seefried, Engineering Manager I; Carl Katenkamp, Acting Chief, Real Estate Services Division; Danial Davis, Chief, Utility Design Division, Kerri Dinsmore, Project Manager, Utility Design Division; Nic Stewart, Recording Secretary, Real Estate Services Division.

Ms. Glassberg called the meeting to order at approximately 7:30 p.m.

1. Approval of minutes: Ms. Glassberg indicated that the first item on the agenda is the approval of the minutes of January 12, 2021. Ms. Glassberg asked if everyone had a chance to review the minutes.

Motion: On a motion made by Mr. Whitworth and seconded by Mr. McLellan, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of January 12, 2021.

2. Public Works Board Road Acceptance
   a) Subdivision: Linden Grove, Phase One, Lots 1 thru 23, Buildable Preservation Parcel 'A', Non-Buildable Preservation Parcels 'B' thru 'E' and Non-Buildable Bulk Parcels 'F' and 'G' (Being A Subdivision of Tax Map 8, Parcel 5, Liber 15899 at Folio 246)
   R/SW Agreement No. F-18-092
   Road Names: Heritage Ridge Road, Linden Grove Lane, and Daisy Road (widening)
   Petitioner: Land Marketing Consultants, Inc., t/a Heritage Land Development

Staff Presentation: Mr. Katenkamp, Acting Chief, Real Estate Services Division, indicated that Land Marketing Consultants, Inc., t/a Heritage Land Development, has presented a petition to the Director of Public Works for the acceptance of Heritage Ridge Road, Linden Grove Lane, and Daisy Road (widening) located within Linden Grove, Phase One, Lots 1 thru 23, Buildable Preservation Parcel 'A', Non-Buildable Preservation Parcels 'B' thru 'E' and Non-Buildable Bulk Parcels 'F' and 'G' (Being A Subdivision of Tax Map 8, Parcel 5, Liber 15899 at Folio 246). The Bureau of Engineering has inspected the subdivision and certifies that all public improvements have been constructed in accordance with the approved plans and specifications and meets the criteria for acceptance under the Section 18.202 of the Howard County Code. The Bureau of Engineering recommends that the public improvements be accepted into the County's system of publicly owned and maintained facilities.
Board Comments: None.

Public Testimony: None.

Motion: On a motion made by Mr. Whitworth, and seconded by Mr. McLellan, the Board unanimously recommended that the Director of Public Works accept the public improvements located in Linden Grove Lane, and Daisy Road (widening) located within Linden Grove, Phase One, Lots 1 thru 23, Buildable Preservation Parcel 'A', Non-Buildable Preservation Parcels 'B' thru 'E' and Non-Buildable Bulk Parcels 'F' and 'G' (Being A Subdivision of Tax Map 8, Parcel 5, Liber 15899 at Folio 246) into the County's system of publicly owned and maintained facilities.

b) Subdivision: Fairways At Turf Valley, Phase I, Section 2, Open Space Lots 117 & 118, Golf Space Lots 52-56, Non-Buildable Bulk Parcels A, B, C, and D, Pods 'F' and part of 'H' Section IV: Residential Phase IV D, A Subdivision of Parcels 8 and 706, and a Resubdivision of Golf Space Lot 124
R/SW Agreement No. F-07-158  W/S Agreement No. 24-4671-D
Road Names: Vardon Lane and Puccini Lane
Petitioner: Mangione Enterprises Of Turf Valley Limited Partnership

Staff Presentation: Mr. Katenkamp, Acting Chief, Real Estate Services Division, indicated that Mangione Enterprises Of Turf Valley Limited Partnership, has presented a petition to the Director of Public Works for the acceptance of Vardon Lane and Puccini Lane located within Fairways At Turf Valley, Phase I, Section 2, Open Space Lots 117 & 118, Golf Space Lots 52-56, Non-Buildable Bulk Parcels A, B, C, and D, Pods 'F' and part of 'H' Section IV: Residential Phase IV D, A Subdivision of Parcels 8 and 706, and a Resubdivision of Golf Space Lot 124. The Bureau of Engineering has inspected the subdivision and certifies that all public improvements have been constructed in accordance with the approved plans and specifications and meets the criteria for acceptance under the Section 18.202 of the Howard County Code. The Bureau of Engineering recommends that the public improvements be accepted into the County's system of publicly owned and maintained facilities.

Board Comments: None.

Public Testimony: None.

Motion: On a motion made by Mr. Ramirez, and seconded by Mr. Whitworth, the Board unanimously recommended that the Director of Public Works accept the public improvements located in Fairways At Turf Valley, Phase I, Section 2, Open Space Lots 117 & 118, Golf Space Lots 52-56, Non-Buildable Bulk Parcels A, B, C, and D, Pods 'F' and part of 'H' Section IV: Residential Phase IV D, A Subdivision of Parcels 8 and 706, and a Resubdivision of Golf Space Lot 124 into the County's system of publicly owned and maintained facilities.

c) Subdivision: Fairways At Turf Valley, Phase 2, Lots 57-89, Open Space Lots 90-94, Golf Space Lot 95 and Non-Buildable Bulk Parcels 'E' & 'F', Part of Pod 'E-1' Section IV: Residential Phase IV D, A Subdivision of Parcel 706 and A Resubdivision of Fairways at Turf Valley Phase I, Bulk Parcels A thru C, Recorded as Plat 24293-95
R/SW Agreement No. F-10-064
Road Names: Puccini Lane and Vivaldi Lane (shown on the plans as Future Road 'D')
Petitioner: Mangione Enterprises Of Turf Valley Limited Partnership
Staff Presentation: Mr. Katenkamp, Acting Chief, Real Estate Services Division, indicated that Mangione Enterprises Of Turf Valley Limited Partnership, a Maryland limited liability company, has presented a petition to the Director of Public Works for the acceptance of Puccini Lane and Vivaldi Lane located within Fairways At Turf Valley, Phase 2, Lots 57-89, Open Space Lots 90-94, Golf Space Lot 95 and Non-Buildable Bulk Parcels 'E' & 'F', Part of Pod 'E-1' Section IV: Residential Phase IV D, A Subdivision of Parcel 706 and A Resubdivision of Fairways at Turf Valley Phase I, Bulk Parcels A thru C, Recorded as Plat 24293-95. The Bureau of Engineering has inspected the subdivision and certifies that all public improvements have been constructed in accordance with the approved plans and specifications and meets the criteria for acceptance under the Section 18.202 of the Howard County Code. The Bureau of Engineering recommends that the public improvements be accepted into the County’s system of publicly owned and maintained facilities.

Board Comments: None.

Public Testimony: None.

Motion: On a motion made by Mr. Ramirez, and seconded by Mr. Whitworth, the Board unanimously recommended that the Director of Public Works accept the public improvements located in Fairways At Turf Valley, Phase 2, Lots 57-89, Open Space Lots 90-94, Golf Space Lot 95 and Non-Buildable Bulk Parcels 'E' & 'F', Part of Pod 'E-1' Section IV: Residential Phase IV D, A Subdivision of Parcel 706 and A Resubdivision of Fairways at Turf Valley Phase I, Bulk Parcels A thru C, Recorded as Plat 24293-95 into the County’s system of publicly owned and maintained facilities.

d) Subdivision: Fairways At Turf Valley, Phase 3: Lots 1-47 and 95-112, Open Space Lots 48, 49, 113-115, Golf Space Lots 116, POD ‘F’ Section IV: Residential Phase IV E, A Subdivision of Part of Parcels 8 & 706 and A Resubdivision of Bulk Parcels D, Recorded as Plat 24293-95
R/SW Agreement No. F-10-086 W/S Agreement No. 24-4672-D
Road Names: Vardon Lane and Verdi Court
Petitioner: Mangione Enterprises Of Turf Valley Limited Partnership

Staff Presentation: Mr. Katenkamp, Acting Chief, Real Estate Services Division, indicated that Mangione Enterprises Of Turf Valley Limited Partnership, has presented a petition to the Director of Public Works for the acceptance of Vardon Lane and Verdi Court located within Fairways At Turf Valley, Phase 3: Lots 1-47 and 95-112, Open Space Lots 48, 49, 113-115, Golf Space Lots 116, POD ‘F’ Section IV: Residential Phase IV E, A Subdivision of Part of Parcels 8 & 706 and A Resubdivision of Bulk Parcels D, Recorded as Plat 24293-95. The Bureau of Engineering has inspected the subdivision and certifies that all public improvements have been constructed in accordance with the approved plans and specifications and meets the criteria for acceptance under the Section 18.202 of the Howard County Code. The Bureau of Engineering recommends that the public improvements be accepted into the County’s system of publicly owned and maintained facilities. Mr. Katenkamp did mention that there was a Deferred Improvements Agreement for the project, and it was provided for the Board to review. At this time, Mr. Katenkamp asked Mr. Barnett to explain. Mr. Barnett explained the Mangione’s requested to temporarily forgo a permanent dead-end barricade at the end of Verdi Court because it is their intention to begin constructing a lot off of the end of Verdi Court. The Mangione’s were concerned the construction would damage the dead-end barricade, therefore there are temporary barricades in
place currently. The Mangione's therefore posted a Bond for the time being until the construction is finished and a permanent barricade can be placed.

**Board Comments:** Ms. Glassberg asked if the amount of the Bond covered the construction of the barricade and Mr. Barnett confirmed it does.

**Public Testimony:** None.

**Motion:** On a motion made by Mr. Ramirez, and seconded by Mr. Whitworth, the Board unanimously recommended that the Director of Public Works accept the public improvements located in Fairways At Turf Valley, Phase 3: Lots 1-47 and 95-112, Open Space Lots 48, 49, 113-115, Golf Space Lots 116, POD 'F'. Section IV: Residential Phase IV E, A Subdivision of Part of Parcels 8 & 706 and A Resubdivision of Bulk Parcels D, Recorded as Plat 24293-95 into the County's system of publicly owned and maintained facilities.

3. **Scenic Road Projects**

(a) S6283 – Tiber Sucker Branch Interceptor Improvements (first hearing)

**Staff Presentation:** Ms. Kerri Dinsmore, Project Manager, Utility Design Division, presented the first of two public hearings for Capital Project S6286-Tiber Sucker Interceptor Improvements, required under Section 18.211 of the Howard County Code for construction affecting scenic roads. When a capital project affects a scenic road, Section 18.211 of the Howard County Code requires preliminary and final design meetings to receive comments on the design from interested individuals. Capital Project S6283 was brought before the Public Works Board and approved in January 2012. A project for the design and construction of 18,250 feet of parallel sewer in the Tiber Branch & Sucker Branch sewer drainage areas. The improvements are required to prevent potential wastewater overflows and surcharged flow conditions within the interceptor sewers under ultimate zoning densities. The project consists of 6 phases, 4 in the Tiber Branch drainage area, and 2 in the Sewer Branch drainage Area. This presentation is for construction in a scenic road for 2 phases: Tiber Branch Phase 1 located in Main Street and Sewer Branch Phase 2 which crosses Park Drive. Main Street and Park Drive are listed in the inventory of Howard County Scenic Roads Inventory.

**Tiber Branch Phase 1**

The installation of approximately 1400 linear feet of sewer main installation will be within the right-of-way of the paved public roadway of Main Street, Ellicott City, west of Ellicott Mills Drive to just west of Klein Avenue. A 14-inch diameter PVC and DIP sewer main will be installed by open trench method to replace the existing 12-inch sewer main. During construction, the roadway will be open to local traffic only while thru traffic is detoured around the project limits. After the sewer main installation, the roadway will be restored to its original grade, width, and alignment, and repaved.

The scenic road features will be preserved and protected. The existing scenic view will be altered only by the addition of one new manhole and there will be no impacts to vegetation and trees. Otherwise, the existing scenic view will remain the same post construction.

**Sucker Branch Phase 2**

The installation of approximately 5,500 linear feet of sewer main, manhole replacement, and approx. 5,600 linear of CIPP lining in the Sucker Branch between the Rogers Ave/Town & Country Blvd...
Intersection and Sylvan Lane. At the crossing of Park Drive (a scenic roadway), a 14-inch diameter PVC and DIP sewer main will be installed by open trench method to replace the existing 12-inch sewer main. After the sewer main installation, the roadway will be restored to its original grade, width, and alignment, and repaved.

The scenic road features will be preserved and protected. The existing scenic view will not be altered and there will be no impacts to vegetation and trees.

Per the requirements of Section 18.211 of the Howard County Code, interested individuals and residents were notified of tonight's meeting by advertisement in local newspapers for two consecutive weeks in advance of the meeting. Copies of the sewer plans were made available for inspection at the Department of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering, and they are available for review here tonight. A copy of the advertisement was also included in tonight's presentation package.

**Board Comments:** Mr. Whitworth asked how traffic control would be handled for those living along the route. Ms. Dinsmore asked if Mr. Whitworth was inquiring about Main St. or Park Dr., and Mr. Whitworth asked for a description of both. **Ms. Dinsmore** further stated there is an extensive MOT plan for Main Street. The project will match the existing sewer grade and the existing sewer alignment to avoid rock excavation for the sewer installation, although the sewer trench excavation ranges from 10-15 feet deep. Therefore, a full detour will be performed for Main Street as the location of the project is placed at the existing narrow road. The roadway would be open to local traffic only. Flaggers would be in place to direct traffic. **Mr. Whitworth** asked about parking and Ms. Dinsmore stated that sections of parking will be closed off as the project moves linearly down the roadway, although the trenches would be filled at the end of every work day. **Ms. Dinsmore** stated the Police help with posting signs referencing when the parked cars will have to move and when they can return. **Mr. Whitworth** also asked about the Fire and Rescue Emergency protocol and Ms. Dinsmore stated the roadway will be drivable at all times during the project and there will be flaggers that can direct emergency vehicles if need be. **Mr. Whitworth** further asked if the sewer line would be center lined in the road, and Ms. Dinsmore explained it would be in the same trench as the existing 12" sewer line. The new sewer line will be a 14" sewer line, and it was decided not to realign the sewer main through this area because there is so much rock within the area. **Ms. Glassberg** asked how long the project would take. **Ms. Dinsmore** stated the project is about 1,400 linear feet long and it would be possible to accomplish 100 linear feet a day depending on conditions, but estimated the project could take a couple weeks to a month to get the new sewer line placed, manholes installed and curb replaced along with final trench repair and repaving. **Ms. Glassberg** also asked when the project is approved, what the timeline would be to begin the project? Ms. Dinsmore stated they are hoping to begin within the next few months, although there has been some constructability issues. **Mr. Whitworth** asked if the sewer house connections will go into the main line and Ms. Dinsmore confirmed the sewer house connections will be replaced and reconstructed at the trench. **Mr. Whitworth** further asked if they will be connected to the property lines and Ms. Dinsmore stated it will likely just be connected at the trench. **Mr. Whitworth** asked if they would be connected out of the right-of-way or if they would be connected in the roadway. **Ms. Dinsmore** confirmed it would be in the roadway. **Mr. Whitworth** further asked to confirm if the roadway would be closed if someone wanted a sewer connection and **Ms. Dinsmore** confirmed that to be correct. **Mr. Whitworth** stated it could be expensive and asked if there would be anything for hardship as most of the homes are older homes. **Ms. Dinsmore** explained they are investigating the conditions of each of the sewer house connections in coordination with Bureau of Utilities in order to see if there is any additional work that needs to be done to the sewer house connections. **Mr. Whitworth** expressed concern of not running it to the property line as the road would need to be cut again for connection, and **Ms. Dinsmore** explained
that the sewer house lines would be reconnected during the project as well so there should be no need for a new connection. If there would be an issue with an old line it would be replaced to the property line.

Ms. Dinsmore began to explain the traffic control for Park Drive. She explained the existing sewer main comes over the Sucker Branch and crosses on the downstream side of the culvert. The new sewer line will run adjacent and cross upstream of the culvert and down to the roadway. There will need to be some coordination with the property owner at the end of the road, which has also happened in the past as well. She further explained there may be some times the property owner may not be able to access the property if access is needed to that part of the road, but again, there will need to be some coordination. Mr. Whitworth asked if the County already owns the right-of-way or if it will need to be purchased, and Ms. Dinsmore explained the County already owns the right-of-way. Mr. Ramirez asked if they were installing a new 18" pipe and realigning the existing 12" pipe? Ms. Dinsmore explained part of the new pipe would be 16" and part would be 18", in which a section of the 12" pipe would be abandoned and not realigned. Ms. Dinsmore stated the realignment was for the overall project.

Public Testimony: None.

There being no further business, the Public Works Board meeting adjourned at approximately 7:54 p.m.

Thomas J. Meunier
Executive Secretary

Nic Stewart
Recording Secretary