



DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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County Executive

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Director

MEMORANDUM

May 15, 2015

TO: Agricultural Advisory Committee Members (AAC)

FROM: Jeremy V. Criss, Agricultural Services Manager
Department of Economic Development

SUBJECT: The Agricultural Advisory Committee and Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board Meeting Tuesday, May 19, 2015

Please be advised the Agricultural Advisory Committee will be meeting on **Tuesday, May 19, 2015 at the Up County Regional Services Center 12900 Middlebrook Road Germantown in Room A at 7:00 p.m.**

The agenda is on the next page.

The other attachments for our meeting will be posted on the Agricultural Services web site. Due to the County's paper reduction mandate, please print these attachments out and bring them with you to the meeting.

See you on Tuesday evening.

*Sign language interpreter services will be provided only upon request with notice as far in advance as possible but no less than 72 hours prior to the event. If you need other services or aids to participate in this activity, please call 301-590-2810

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Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting

Agenda – May 19, 2015

1. Introductions:
 2. Approval of the AAC Minutes from April 21, 2015. (See Attachment A.)
 3. Follow up on the Pesticide Legislation Bill 52-14. (AAC Letter regarding Noxious Weeds in Front of the Up-County Regional Services Center will be handed out at the meeting) and Recent developments surrounding the Montgomery County Farm Bureau-MCFB. (See Attachments B.)
 4. Ag Services Navigator-Solicitation for contractor closed on 4-23-15 and one proposal was submitted. The Position was recommended in the FAME report. Discussion on the status of the Contract for the Contractor.
 5. The first meeting of the AAC Subcommittee is scheduled for May 27, 2015 at 7:00 pm. Proposed amendments to the Zoning Regulations to allow production of Beer, Hard-Cider, and Distilled Spirits and associated tasting rooms, private events like birthday parties, Bar mitzvahs, and weddings on farms in the AR zone as limited use accessory to farming. The Subcommittee of the AAC will be represented by the following individuals-Jessica Butts, Phil Muth, Steven Fistere, Susan Butler, Washington White, Greg Glen, Jr. Robert Butz, Tim McGrath, Paul Poto, Caroline Taylor, Beth Daley, Sophia Watkins, and County agency representatives from the DPS, DHHS, UCCAB, and DED. (See Attachment C.)
 6. MAEF Mobile Science Lab (MAEF-Trailer) built for Montgomery County and rotated to 30 Montgomery County Elementary Schools each year. The County Council approved this FY16 Budget item totaling \$61,000 per year to build, haul, and staff the lab and make it available in time for the County Agricultural Fair in August. (See Attachment D.)
 7. AAC Letter of support for ZTA 15-06 Rural Cluster Zone-Land Use and Setbacks-Patricia Dunn of Pat's Outdoor Equipment. (See Attachment E. The AAC letter of support will be handed out at the meeting)
<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/COUNCIL/Resources/Files/zta/2015/ZTA%2015-06.pdf>
 8. New Appointments to the AAC- Patrick Brown to replace Tim McGrath, Jim Frazer to replace Charlotte Ruppert McGhee??, Debbie Benson to request reappointment??
 9. Future of Department of Economic Development-Agricultural Services-Review of the May 14, 2015 Press Release from the County Executive and the legislation remitted to the Council.
http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR_details.asp?PrID=14850
- Follow up discussion from the May 18, 2015 meeting with the County Executive (See Attachment F.)
10. Next Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting June 16, 2015@ 7:00pm Room A.

Upcoming Meetings and Events:

Agricultural Advisory Committee-May 19, 2015@ 7:00pm

Montgomery County Farm Bureau Board of Directors-June 2, 2015@ 7:00pm

Montgomery County Agricultural Pres. Advisory Board-June 9, 2015@

Montgomery Soil Conservation District Board of Sup-May 12, 2015@ 9:00am