



DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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MEMORANDUM

March 15, 2012

TO: Agricultural Advisory Committee Members (AAC)

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

SUBJECT: Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting Tuesday, March 20, 2012

Please be advised that the Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 20, 2012 at the Agricultural History Farm Park 18410 Muncaster Road Derwood Md. 20855 7:00 p.m.**

The meeting 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 March 20, 2012.

*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 –March 20, 2012

1. Introductions: If needed
2. Approval of the AAC Minutes from February 21, 2012. (See Attachment A.)
3. Update on the UME-Agronomy Educator Position-Recommendation from the UME-Central Md Cluster-Frederick, Howard, and Montgomery Counties on how to collectively fund the UME-Agronomy Educator Position for the Cluster. (See Attachment B.)
4. Robert and Drew Stabler Inducted into the Governor's Maryland Agriculture Hall of Fame. The film presentation is now on the County U-Tube.
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8MsF-y1KgjI&feature=youtu.be>
5. New Appointments to the Agricultural Advisory Committee- We still have one more farmer representatives to replace Kelly Lewis-Charlotte Ruppert.
6. MCA Agricultural Producers Summit, February 24, 2012 Linden Farm- Thank you for Susan Butler and John Fenderick for attending.
7. Montgomery County Local Bills- Outcome from the March 16, 2012 House Environmental Matters Committee(HB 723) MC 7-12 Septic Easements and MC 16-12 (HB 722) Recorded Covenants. Outcome from the March 16, 2012 vote from the Full County Delegation. (See Attachments C.)
8. Discussion surrounding the March 8, 2012 AAC subcommittee recommendation on the proposed changes to the Legislative Intent of the Rural Density Transfer Zone. The full AAC needs to submit a recommendation to the Zoning Advisory Panel for their March 21, 2012 meeting (See Attachment D.)
9. Steve Silverman presentation on March 12, 2012 to the Sugarloaf Citizens Association-The DED-ZTA for agricultural and horticultural uses to the. Wineries have been removed from the ZTA. (See Attachments E.)
10. The County Council will conduct a Public Hearing on March 27, 2012 @ 1:30pm for ZTA 12-03 Wineries in the RDT zone. The AAC needs to provide a recommendation on the ZTA.
http://montgomerycountymd.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view_id=6&clip_id=2380&meta_id=30004 (See Attachment F.)
11. Discussion surrounding a proposed ZTA from the DED-DEP on Solar Installations in the Agricultural zones
12. Discussion surrounding the Development Impact Tax and how it is applied to accessory structures and accessory dwellings at the same full rate as primary structures.

13. Discussion surrounding the outcome court case involving the Dr. Mess property and the Timber Harvest permit.
14. Discussion regarding the Agricultural Reserve Conference-Farming at Metro's Edge-Sustaining Agriculture in Frederick and Montgomery Counties-Friday and Saturday November 9&10, 2012 www.farmingatmetrosedge.com.
15. Farmland Preservation Update: The County announced an AEP easement purchase period ending on April 2, 2012. The County has also received our first private BLT easement payment on a project in the TwinBrook Master Plan.
16. The APAB sent a letter to the Designee of the Crown Farm Village LLC that went bankrupt. The letter requests the first of four payments in the amount of \$500,000 to be made to the County Ag Land Preservation Fund since the first 375 (Please note that only 328 lots have been approved at this time) residential units have been platted.
17. The April 17, 2012 meeting will be back in Germantown and the remaining meetings for 2012 will be in Germantown.

Upcoming Meetings and Events:

Zoning Advisory Panel ZAP March 21, 2012@7:00pm

Public Hearing-County Council ZTA 12-03 Wineries in RDT zone March 27, 2012@1:30pm

MD/VA AMPs conference March 29-30, 2012

Montgomery County Farm Bureau Board of Directors, April 3, 2012@7:00pm

Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board, April 10, 2012@7:30 pm

Montgomery Soil Conservation District Board of Supervisors, April 13, 2012@9:00am

Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting, April 17, 2012@7:00 pm-Ag History Farm Park