



DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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MEMORANDUM

April 17, 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, April 21, 2015

Please be advised the Agricultural Advisory Committee will be meeting on
**Tuesday, April 21, 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.

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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 – April 21, 2015

1. Introductions:
2. Approval of the AAC Minutes from March 17, 2015. The minutes will be available prior to meeting.
3. Pesticide Legislation Bill 52-14 (Leventhal, Floreen, Reimer, Navarro, and Elrich). T&E Committee Work Sessions were held on March 16 and 30, 2015. George Leventhal said that during his remaining 3 years on the Council agriculture will not be impacted by the Pesticide Prohibition and Marc Elrich responded that agriculture will be discussed next?
4. New Resource Conservationist for MSCD (Brian Taylor) James Harne has accepted the position and he will migrate from MDA to the County-MSCD in May 2015. The MDA PIN for James Harne position will not be funded and will not be eliminated. The MSCD will need to propose alternative funds to fill this MDA position. The Position was recommended in the FAME report.
5. Ag Services Navigator-Solicitation for contractor will be released Thursday 4-9-15 and close 4-23-15. The Position was recommended in the FAME report.
6. *Please note no progress has been made on this Subcommittee due to other assignments.* Continued Discussion on amendments to the Zoning Regulations that would 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 AAC agreed for a Subcommittee of the AAC to be formed with industry represents-Jessica Butts, Phil Muth, Steven Fistere, Susan Butler, Washington White, Greg Glen, Jr. etc.
7. MAEF Mobile Science Lab (MAEF-Trailer) built for Montgomery County and rotated to County Schools. Meeting with County Council President Leventhal was held on March 24, 2015 and he recommended the program and budget be located in DED-Ag Services. The PHED Committee work session on the DED-Ag Services budget was held on April 17, 2015. The item is recommended for the reconciliation list.
8. Farmland Preservation Update-APAB Follow up from APAB Retreat April 7, 2015
9. Future of Department of Economic Development-Agricultural Services (Handouts at meeting)
10. Farm Directory Update-AAC members-farms that are not listed.
11. Next Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting May 19, 2015@ 7:00pm Room A.

Upcoming Meetings and Events:

Agricultural Advisory Committee-April 21, 2015@ 7:00pm

Annual Montgomery County Farmers Market Meeting Training May 5, 2015@ 10:00am

Montgomery County Farm Bureau Board of Directors-May 5, 2015@ 7:00pm
Montgomery Soil Conservation District Board of Sup-May 8, 2015@ 9:00am
Montgomery County Agricultural Pres. Advisory Board-May 12, 2015@ 7:00pm