



OFFICE OF AGRICULTURE

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MEMORANDUM

November 10, 2016

TO: Agricultural Advisory Committee Members (AAC)

FROM: Jeremy V. Criss, Director
Office of Agriculture

SUBJECT: November 15, 2016 Meeting of the Agricultural Advisory Committee

The Agricultural Advisory Committee will meet on **Tuesday, November 15, 2016 at the Up County Regional Services Center 12900 Middlebrook Road Germantown in Room A at 7:00 pm.**

The agenda is on the next page.

The other attachments for our meeting will be posted on the Agriculture Services web site.
<http://montgomerycountymd.gov/AgServices/agboardscommittee.html>

I hope to see you on Tuesday.

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**Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda
November 15, 2016**

1. Meeting called to Order and Introductions
2. Approval of the October 18, 2016 AAC meeting minutes

3. Funding for Farmland Preservation

Follow up on the briefing with the CE from October 19, 2016.
The CE approved the OAG presentation to the Council.
DEP and OAG briefed the Council T&E/PHED Committees on October 20, 2016.
No new funding will be identified for the FY18 CIP.

4. New Improvements and Communication Systems at the AHFP

The new Comcast Internet system MSCD, OAG, & Extension is up and running.
The new Comcast Phone system is still not working in all areas of the building.
The new Comcast Internet system is frequently timing out during the day.
The Federal Gov. will migrate to Fiber and replace their T-1 lines and phones.
All phone numbers for ag agency staff will be the same with the exception of FSA.

5. ZTA 16-02 Agricultural Zone-Transferable Development Rights Requirements

The MNCPPC staff indicated a draft ZTA will be distributed soon to all stakeholders before the next Planning Board work session is scheduled.
The OAG may be asked to provide recommendations to the DPS and the MNCPPC on all requests for farm tenant dwellings.

6. Follow up discussion following Heather Bruskin's presentation on the Montgomery County Food Council projects

Heather discussed the Food Council Food Action Plan and Food Hub Study recommendations.
Paula Linthicum questioned why the AAC was partnering with the Moco Food Council since they are supported by the Town Creek Foundation and Fair Farms MD.
Please see the discussion summarized in the October 18, 2016 AAC meeting minutes.

7. Bill 28-16 Solid Waste (Trash) Strategic Plan to Advance Composting, Compost Use and Food Waste Diversion:

The T&E Committee work session occurred on October 27, 2016.
Amendments were made to the Bill as recommended by the DEP

8. Bill 31-16 Taxation-Urban Agricultural Tax Credit

The GO County Council Work Session occurred on November 3, 2016.

The CE recommended a Grant Program be implemented in place of the Urban Ag Tax Credit.

The GO Committee asked Council staff to make amendments to the Bill 31-16 and schedule another GO Committee work session.

9. Bill 37-16 Taxation-Development Impact Tax-Transportation and Public Schools:

The County Council scheduled Bill 37-16 for final reading on November 8, 2016.

The Council took a straw vote on the Bill where the tax rates were removed.

The Council recommended a Resolution be adopted that contain the new tax rates.

The Council did not support the recommendations from the Planning Board on the Green Policy Area=Agricultural Reserve

To access the Council staff packet please click on the link below:

http://montgomerycountymd.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view_id=136&event_id=4998&meta_id=128314

<u>School Impact Taxes</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>New</u>
Single Family Detached	\$26,827	\$22,654

<u>Transportation Impact Taxes</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Green Policy Area</u>	<u>+25% TPAR</u>
Residential (per dwelling Unit or Per square foot of Gross Floor Area Single Family Detached	\$13,966	\$17,458	\$21,822

10. Follow up on the Request from Aliza Fishbein, Non Farmer Member and Secretary of the AAC regarding the January, February, March and April 2017 AAC meetings being moved to the third Wednesday of each month to eliminate conflict with GW Food Law Class.

11. Special Appropriation and CIP amendment-DOT-\$8,000,000for Resurfacing Residential and Rural Roads.

12. Next AAC meeting December 19, 2016 @ 7:00pm

The AAC did not meet on the following months in calendar year 2016.

February 16, 2016 due to the Ag Tire Collection Event and ice storm

August 16, 2016 due to the County Agricultural Fair

Upcoming Meetings and Events:

Montgomery Agricultural Advisory Committee-November 15, 2016 @ 7:00pm

Roger Berliner-Sugarland Rd Pilot Meeting-Comcast and Verizon-November 21 or 22

Montgomery County Farm Bureau Board of Directors-December 6, 2016 7:00pm

Montgomery Soil Conservation Board of Supervisors-December 9, 2016 @ 9:00am

Food Security Plan Meeting-December 13, 2016

Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board-December 13, 2016 @ 7:00pm