

Agricultural Advisory Committee (AAC)

Agenda

March 15, 2011

1. Introductions if necessary?
2. Approval of the AAC Meeting Minutes from February 15, 2011. (See Attachment A.)
3. Update FY 2011-2012 Budget. DED-Ag Services. The PAA position assigned to UME was posted and closed on March 4, 2011-Four candidates are being rated for consideration.
4. Farmland Preservation Update:
County Executive approved Executive Order 030-11 (See Attachment B.)
BLT purchase period to be announced
5. Update on Planning Board proposed changes to the Commercial Residential CR Zone- This CR zone is one of the BLT receiving zones for increasing FAR. (See Attachment C.)
6. Update on ZTA 10-15 Airstrips-Agricultural Zones-The PHED Committee approved with amendments. (See Attachment D.)
7. Follow up on the ACC recommendations surrounding Tree Trimming (See Attachment E.)
8. New Appointments to AAC – The County Executive appointments should be confirmed by the County Council this month.
9. Update from the March 7, 2011 meeting on the Zoning Rewrite Process: Group of agricultural representatives met with MNCPPC to review draft recommendations on the agricultural zones.
10. A Horticultural Green Industry Work Group was created at the request of DED Director, Steve Silverman and met on March 9, 2011. The work group will recommend changes to the Zoning regulations for agricultural processing, Nursery-agricultural operations in attempt to help the horticultural green industry.
11. Update on MC17-11 which is HB 536 Septic Easements in Montgomery County-March 11, 2011 Hearing with House Environmental Matters (See Attachment F.)
12. 2010 Annual Report of the Agricultural Advisory Committee
http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/content/ded/agservices/pdffiles/publications/Annual_Reports/AAC/2010/aac_2010_annual_report.pdf
13. Next scheduled meeting of the AAC is April 19, 2011 @ 7:30pm in Room B at the Upcounty Regional Services Center in Germantown.

Upcoming Meetings and Events:

Agricultural Marketing Professional AMPS meeting with AMPS from VA March 29, 2011.

Annual Montgomery Weed Control Meeting-March 31, 2011

Farm Bureau Board of Directors April 5, 2011

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