



DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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Director

MEMORANDUM

May 10, 2012

TO: Agricultural Advisory Committee Members (AAC)
FROM: Jeremy V. Criss, Agricultural Services Manager
Department of Economic Development
SUBJECT: Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting Tuesday, May 15, 2012

Please be advised that the Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 15, 2012 at the Up County Regional Services Center 12900 Middlebrook Road Germantown in Room B at 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 May 15, 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 –May 15, 2012

1. Introductions: If needed
2. Approval of the AAC Minutes from April 17, 2012. (See Attachment A.)
3. Update on UME-Agronomy Educator Position-Response Dean Wei- (See Attachment B.)
4. Presentation-Michele Rosenfeld-Outcome of Federal Court Case-Dr. Charles Mess and Danny Miller-Discussion on amending Chapter 22A-5 Forest Conservation-Timber Harvest
5. AAC recommendation regarding Local Map Amendment G-909 in Bethesda Central Business District. (See Attachment C.)
6. New Appointments to the Agricultural Advisory Committee- Recommendations from the AAC interviews April 25, 2012 were forwarded to the County Executive staff.
7. Remaining Agricultural issues for the Zoning Rewrite Process (See Attachment D.)
April 19, 2012 Letter from the Commission on Health
8. Proposed ZTA from the DED-DEP on Solar Installations in the Agricultural zones.
9. AAC recommendation on the Development Impact Tax-Accessory structures and accessory dwellings-Farm Tenant dwellings. (See Attachment E.)
10. 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. <http://mocoalliance.org/2012/03/farming-at-metros-edge-conference-full-brochure/>
11. AAC Response to Bill 32-11 Boards, Committees, Commissions, Committee Evaluation Review Board (See Attachment F.)
12. AAC recommendation on the FY13 Fuel/Energy Tax Rates (See Attachment G.)
http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/content/council/pdf/agenda/cm/2012/120507/20120507_GOTE1.pdf
13. Bill 16-12 Trees-Utility Vegetation Management-Public Hearing June 12, 2012@7:30pm (See Attachment G.)
http://montgomerycountymd.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view_id=6&clip_id=2952&meta_id=32913
14. Farmland Preservation Purchase Periods Update:
AEP- 8 applications totaling 651 acres-estimated cost of \$4,020,273- Only \$2.0 million in GO Bonds are available
BLT-9 applications totaling 716 acres-estimated cost of \$4,230,000- Only \$2.0 million proposed

15. Next Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting June 19, 2012 @7:00 PM in Germantown

Upcoming Meetings and Events:

Montgomery County Farm Bureau Board of Directors, June 5, 2012@7:00pm

Montgomery Soil Conservation District Board of Supervisors, June 8, 2012@9:00am

Montgomery County Farm Bureau Picnic, June 10, 2012@5:00pm

Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board, June 12, 2012@7:30 pm

Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting, June 19, 2012@7:00 pm-Germantown

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