

(Attachment D.)

Criss, Jeremy

From: Criss, Jeremy
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2011 1:40 PM
To: Leventhal's Office, Councilmember
Cc: 'David Weitzer'
Subject: RE: Bill 29-11

Hello George,

As a follow up to the message below I am letting you know the Agricultural Advisory Committee normally meets on the third Tuesday of the Month.

For October the AAC will be meeting on Tuesday October 18, 2011 at 7:30 pm and we will be discussing the Bill 29-11 for the first time.

The Public hearing for Bill 29-11 is Tuesday October 18, 2011 at 1:30 pm.

The AAC will provide written comments on this Bill 29-11 following our meeting.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks Jeremy

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From: Criss, Jeremy
Sent: Thursday, October 06, 2011 1:03 PM
To: Leventhal's Office, Councilmember
Cc: 'David Weitzer'
Subject: RE: Bill 29-11

Hello George,

Thank you for this message surrounding Bill 29-11 that will establish a sunset date and consolidation of Boards, Committees, and Commissions.

I am the staff representative to the Agricultural Advisory Committee AAC and David Weitzer who is copied on this message is the Chairman.

David Weitzer's home phone is 301 428-8095.

The AAC is governed under Chapter 2B of the County Code Article 6 Section 2B-21.

If you click on the link below and scroll down and click on the AAC Annual Report for 2010 you will see what we reported to the County Executive and County Council.

<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/agstmpl.asp?url=/content/DED/AgServices/agboardscommittee.asp>

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Thanks Jeremy

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From: Leventhal's Office, Councilmember
Sent: Thursday, October 06, 2011 12:45 PM
To: Criss, Jeremy
Subject: Bill 29-11

Dear Mr. Criss:

I am writing to let you know that I introduced legislation Tuesday, September 27th which calls for a small number of boards and/or commissions to be consolidated and for all committees not mandated by state law to sunset on December 1st 2012. The staff memorandum discussing the bill can be seen at (insert link). I believe that many if not all of the boards and committees will be allowed to continue. However, this sunset provision, if enacted, would give the Council an opportunity to review and measure each board, commission and committee's contribution to the county. Finally, my bill would expedite the appointment and reporting deadline for the Committee Evaluation and Review Board, which advises the Executive and Council.

I would like the opportunity to reach out to the chair of each board or committee that will be affected by this bill. If you could provide me with his or her contact information it would be greatly appreciated.

Best wishes,
George L. Leventhal

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Farmland Preservation Update

(Attachment E.)

Building Lot Termination Program BLT

Update on the BLT program-Three BLT easement settlements are pending (308 acres, 7 BLT's will be terminated at an total cost of \$1.7 million and the average price is approximately \$250,000 per BLT). The County Council approved ZTA 11-01 changing the Commercial Residential CR zone. The CR and CRT zones will require development that provides public benefits that are assigned points. The CR zone requires developers to purchase BLT incentive density (1 BLT=20,000 square feet) for the first 5 points or percent of incentive density floor area and an optional method for BLT incentive density (1 BLT=30,000 square feet) for an additional 25 points or percent of the gross floor area. The CRN zone will not require BLT incentive density. The CRT zone provides an optional method for BLT incentive density (1 BLT=30,000 square feet) up to 30 percent of the gross floor area.

Agricultural Easement Program AEP

Update on the AEP program-The Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board (APAB) recommends the program be reinstated for the second half of FY12 with Base Value of \$1,600 per acre down from FY11 \$1,700.