



**DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

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**MEMORANDUM**

October 11, 2013

TO: Agricultural Advisory Committee Members (AAC)

FROM: Jeremy V. Criss, Agricultural Services Manager  
Department of Economic Development

SUBJECT: Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting Tuesday, October 15, 2013

Please be advised that the Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, October 15, 2013 at the Up County Regional Services Center 12900 Middlebrook Road Germantown in Room B at 7:00 p.m.**

The Draft 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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## **Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda – October 15, 2013**

1. Introductions:
2. Approval of the AAC Minutes from August 20, 2013. (See Attachment A.)
3. Approval of the AAC Minutes from September 17, 2013. (See Attachment B.)
4. Follow up from discussions with Bob Hoyt and Steve Shofar-Water Quality Protection Fund-WQPF-Future Fiscal Impact-FFI request was reassigned from DED to DEP by OMB. The MSCD will request an update from DEP on this FFI request.
5. Response from the UM regarding the AAC letter to the University of Maryland-Board of Regents-Extension resources for the Agronomy Educator Position (See Attachment C.)
6. Additional changes for the Zoning Rewrite ZTA 13-04. Examples include:  
Uses, Accessory to Farming, Agricultural Processing, Grain Elevator and On-Farm Composting-Winery- allows events that should include weddings-clarification on types of events  
Agricultural Vending-remove the restriction of 4 lanes of traffic.  
PHED Committee-Recommended the new defined Term Agricultural Education and Tourism.
7. Introduction of Bill 27-13 Human Rights and Civil Liberties-County Minimum Wage-Dollar Amount-Public Hearing with HHS Committee October 24, 2013 @ 10:00 am.  
  
Link to Bill 27-13:[http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/content/council/pdf/bill/2013/Packets/20131001\\_6a.pdf](http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/content/council/pdf/bill/2013/Packets/20131001_6a.pdf)
8. Farming at Metro's Edge Conference-Final Report-September 16, 2013. Craig Rice-Current Vice President of the Council and in line to be the President for 2014. Craig suggested a Full Council Work Session after the holidays to discuss the recommendations in the report. The Up-County Citizens Advisory Board-Land Use Committee discussion on the FAME report October 14, 2013.
9. DED-Ag Services, MSCD, U of MD-Extension-UME and USDA Agricultural Research Service-ARS may be partnering on a Listening Session November 7, 2013 and Public Workshop December 2013 for High Tunnels and Greenhouses-Montgomery, Frederick and Howard Counties. **Please note the Federal Government Shut down may impact this event.**
10. The next meeting of the AAC is Tuesday November 19, 2013 at 7:00 pm in Germantown.

### **Upcoming Meetings and Events:**

- MCPS-School Food Forum-November 2, 2013
- Montgomery County Farm Bureau Board of Directors-November 5, 2013@7:00pm
- High Tunnel Listening Session-November 7, 2013-**Pending outcome of shutdown**
- Montgomery Soil Conservation District Board of Supervisor-November 8, 2013@9:00am
- Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board-November 12, 2013@7:30pm

Agricultural Advisory Committee-November 19, 2013 @ 7:00 pm