



OFFICE OF AGRICULTURE

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Director

MEMORANDUM

July 13, 2018

TO: Agricultural Advisory Committee Members (AAC)
FROM: Jeremy V. Criss, Director
Office of Agriculture
SUBJECT: July 17, 2018 Meeting of the Agricultural Advisory Committee

The Agricultural Advisory Committee will meet on Tuesday **July 17, 2018 at the at 7:00 pm.**

**We will be meeting at the Holy Cross Hospital in Germantown-Room 1507/1508-1980
Observation Drive Germantown, MD 20876.**

The agenda is on the next page.

The draft minutes from the June 19, 2018 AAC meeting will be available prior to our meeting.

The other attachments for our meeting will be posted on the Office of Agriculture web site.

<http://montgomerycountymd.gov/AgServices/agboardscommittee.html>

I hope to see you on Tuesday.

*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
July 17, 2018**

1. Meeting Called to Order and Introductions.
2. Approval of the June 19, 2018 AAC Meeting Minutes.
3. The County Council passed ZTA 18-01 Solar Collection System that proposes 2-megawatt (ranging from 12 to 20 acres in size depending on the property) community solar in all zones with exception to Agricultural Zone. Accessory Solar (120% of onsite energy consumption) will continue to be allowed in the Agricultural Reserve-AR zone. The Agricultural Land Preservation Advisory Board-APAB has approved a policy for easement properties outside of the AR zone where the property owner wants to install community solar.
4. The Planning Housing and Economic Development Committee will review ZTA 18-03 on July 9, 2018. Seven of the nine Council members are now signed on to the ZTA 18-03 as introduced. Amendments to the ZTA are still under consideration. The PHED Committee Work Session is scheduled for July 9, 2018.
http://montgomerycountymd.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view_id=169&event_id=8008&meta_id=159335
5. There have been seven Agritourism Study Advisory Committee meetings (November 29, 2017, January 17, 2018, February 21, 2018, April 2, 2018, April 18, 2018, May 16, 2018 and June 20, 2018.) The Agritourism Advisory Committee has agreed to recess during July and August to allow time for the consultant to complete its work and recommendations. The ASAC has agreed to reconvene in September to review the recommendations of the consultant.
6. On July 20, 2018, the agricultural agencies will sponsor an event to celebrate the 50th Anniversary and Recognition of Conservation Tillage including no till farming in the County. The event will consist of an optional tour of farms in the morning with a luncheon and short program at the County Agricultural Fair.
7. County Council Confirmation for appointment to Rustic Roads Advisory Committee-Lonnie Luther new farmer member.
8. County Council Confirmation of appointments to the Agricultural Advisory Committee-new farmers-Susan Butler, Ben Butler, and Angie McNally, new non-farmers-Zach Ferguson and Leonard Yourman.
9. The 29th Annual Farm Tour and Harvest Sale Brochure-July 28-29, 2018.

10. The next meeting of the Agricultural Advisory Committee is August 21, 2018?

Upcoming Meetings and Events:

Montgomery County Farm Bureau Board of Supervisors-July 10, 2018@ 7:00pm

Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board-July 10, 2018 @7:00pm

Montgomery Soil Conservation District Board of Supervisors-July 13, 2018@ 9:00am

Ag Advisory Committee-July 17, 2018 @ 7:00pm-Holy Cross Hospital

50th Anniversary and Recognition of Conservation Tillage-July 20, 2018

29th Annual Farm Tour and Harvest Sale- July 28 & 29, 2018

70th Montgomery County Agricultural Fair-August 10-18, 2018