



DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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MEMORANDUM

October 10, 2014

TO: Agricultural Advisory Committee Members (AAC)

FROM: Jeremy V. Criss, Agricultural Services Manager
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SUBJECT: The Agricultural Advisory Committee and Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board Meeting Tuesday, October 21, 2014

Please be advised the Agricultural Advisory Committee will be meeting on **Tuesday, October 21, 2014 at the Up County Regional Services Center 12900 Middlebrook Road Germantown in Room A at 7:00 p.m.**

The 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 Draft Agenda – October 21, 2014

1. Introductions:
2. Approval of the AAC Minutes from September 16, 2014. (See Attachment A.)
3. Montgomery County Planning Board Chair Casey Anderson has asked for a tour of the working farms in the Agricultural Reserve sometime this fall.
4. MCA Agricultural Reserve Film Premiere was September 25, 2014.
<http://mocoalliance.org/2014/09/growing-legacy-premiere-wrap-up/>
5. Update-Deer Damage Survey-The results show more management tools are still needed to reduce the deer herds in the rural and agricultural areas of the County. (See Attachment B.)
Follow up from County Council Briefing-October 7, 2014-
http://montgomerycountymd.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view_id=6&clip_id=8024&meta_id=72343 Need to purchase a new Cold Box for the East side of the County.
6. Update on the Positions approved for FY15 Operating and Capital Budgets as follows:
Vacant Business Development Specialist-BDS position (Kristin Fisher) job announcement closed on August 15, 2014, total of 85 applicants, 32 meet minimum requirements, 2 veterans are designated with Preferential Hiring Status. Interviews scheduled for October 20, 2014.
7. Part-time contractor Agronomy Educator for UM-Extension RFP was released and the dead line for proposals was September 30, 2014. One proposal was submitted.
8. New Resource Conservationist for MSCD (Brian Taylor) The OHR has approved the position to be reclassified to BDS position. The e-recruitment ad will be advertised within the DED-MSCD are recommended by the MSCD Board of Supervisors.
9. New farmer member appointments to the Rustic Roads Advisory Committee-RRAC- Todd Greenstone and Audrey Patton. We will need to find a replacement for Angela Butler since she is not requesting a second term.
10. Follow up on Discussion Draft Legislation on Pesticides in Montgomery County and the AAC response letter to Council Vice-President Leventhal. (See Attachment C.)
11. Next Meeting of the AAC-November 18, 2014@ 7:00pm

Upcoming Meetings and Events:

Close Encounters with Agriculture- October 13, 2014 through October 31, 2014
Agricultural Advisory Committee-October 21, 2014@7:00pm
Montgomery County Farm Bureau Bd of Directors-November 4, 2014@7:00pm
Montgomery County Agricultural Pres Advisory Bd-November 11, 2014@7:00pm
Montgomery Soil Conservation District Bd of Supervisors-November 14, 2014@9:00am