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PLANNING BOARD TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARING IN ROCKVILLE ON JUNE 1

SILVER SPRING, MD – The evening portion of the Montgomery County Planning Board Thursday, June 1 public meeting will be held in the 7th floor hearing room of the Montgomery County Council office building located at 100 Maryland Avenue in Rockville. The meeting will begin at approximately 7 p.m.

The two items on the evening agenda are: a public hearing on the future of farming in the county and a work session on the draft agreement between Planning Board and the Department of Permitting Services (DPS) to clarify responsibility for reviewing building permits, inspecting site plan projects under construction and investigating complaints of possible site plan violations.

Agricultural advocates, farmers, residents and others are encouraged to review the staff report on the Future of Farming in Montgomery County, available online at http://www.mc-mncppc.org/board/meetings_archive/06_meeting_archive/agenda_060106/Agenda_6-1-06.shtm.

A draft of the agreement between the Planning Board and DPS is available online at: http://www.mc-mncppc.org/board/meetings_archive/06_meeting_archive/agenda_060106/Item_10_06-01-06_opt.pdf. Due to prior hearings on the matter held both by the Planning Board and the Montgomery County Council, no public testimony will be taken on this issue.

The rules of procedure and the changes and revisions to the public hearing process have been postponed and will be rescheduled at a later time.

To sign up in advance to speak on the farming item, those interested may call the Planning Board's Community Outreach and Media Relations Office at 301/495-4600.

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