

**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL  
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

**Meeting Date:** 10/17/95

**Reference No.:** CR-54-1995

**Proposer:** Russell

**Draft No.:** 2

**Sponsors:** Russell

**Item Title:** A Resolution to provide for Establishment of a Equestrian Center Task Force in order for the Maryland horse industry and the Show Place Arena to reach their full potential as positive revenue factors in Prince George's County

**Drafter:** Dawn DeWitt  
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**Resource Personnel:** Dawn DeWitt  
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**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:**

**Date Presented:** \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

**Executive Action:** \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

**Committee Referral:**(1) 9/26/95 PZED

**Effective Date:** \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

**Committee Action:**(1) 10/11/95 FAV(A)

**Date Introduced:** 9/26/95

**Pub. Hearing Date:** (1) \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ :\_\_\_

**Council Action:** (1) 10/17/95 ADOPTED

**Council Votes:** AMc:A, DB:A, SD:-, JE:A, IG:A, WM:A, RVR:A, AS:A, MW:A

**Pass/Fail:** P

**Remarks:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PLANNING, ZONING AND ECON. DEV. COM. REPORT**

DATE: 10/11/95

Committee Vote: Favorable as amended, 5-0 (In favor: Council Members MacKinnon, Maloney, Gourdine, Russell and Wilson).

This resolution establishes a 14-member Task Force with broad representation to study the impact of increased equestrian events in the County and to make recommendations as to how the County should attract equestrian sports to the Show Place Arena. The sponsor noted that the purpose of this effort is to identify ways to maximize the potential of the Show Place Arena, which includes events other than equestrian sports. Gene Giddens, Joe O'Neill, and Dorothy Troutman spoke in support of the resolution.

Two technical amendments were recommended by staff. The Committee also requested that the mission of the Task Force be expanded to specify that events other than equestrian events will be within the scope of the study. Also, the appointor of the 2 members of the general public was amended to be the Council Chairperson. Finally, it was agreed that the resolution should state that staff support shall be provided by staff of the Department of Parks and Recreation.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT**

**(Includes reason for proposal, as well as any unique statutory requirements)**

The proposed resolution establishes an eleven member task force to study the Maryland horse industry and the role of the Show Place Arena operated by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission in promoting equestrian and other events.

**CODE INDEX TOPICS:**