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Carroll County Commissioners Remand Freedom Plan to Planning Commission

Westminster, MD, Tuesday, October 3, 2017 – The Board of Carroll County Commissioners (BCC) met today to continue discussion on the Freedom Community Comprehensive Plan and voted 4-1 to remand the plan back to the Carroll County Planning and Zoning Commission.

The BCC praised the commission on its extraordinary work on the plan so far; however, ultimately decided there are two primary areas which need further work and clarification. The vote directs the Planning Commission to focus primarily on two specific areas:

- 1) Clarification of land use and zoning definitions
- 2) A parcel by parcel analysis by concept looking at rationales; focusing on properties not previously decided in previous discussions of the plan.

This direction will focus the Planning Commission on providing enhanced definitions of land use and zoning definitions and clarification of Concepts 2 and 3 in the plan which relate to properties manifested on the ground and parcels designated for both higher intensity residential and commercial uses. Portion of the plan, previously discussed and voted upon by the BCC, will not need reconsideration. The BCC requested the updated plan be returned by April 1, 2018.

Commissioner Doug Howard, District 5, said, "It is with incredible respect and appreciation that we send the Freedom Plan back to our Planning Commission. It is their extraordinary work so far that gives me complete faith they will concentrate on these two areas and provide the information we need to pass the plan."

All future discussions of the Freedom Plan, including the Public Hearing scheduled for October 19th and the Open Session decision planned for October 23, 2017 are cancelled.

Today's Freedom Plan deliberations can be viewed on the [Carroll County Government Meeting Portal](#).

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