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Commissioners Vote to Take Back Freedom Plan

Westminster, MD, Thursday, August 23, 2018 – The Board of County Commissioners (BOC) voted (3-1-1, Commissioner Frazier dissenting, Commissioner Weaver abstaining) to rescind the decision made October 3, 2017 to remand the 2017 Freedom Community Comprehension Plan to the Carroll County Planning Commission. An additional approved motion provides a 60 day extension for plan review, beginning today, due to exigent circumstances.

“This is a difficult decision today, because we appreciate and value all the hard work completed by the Planning Commission,” stated Commissioner Doug Howard, District 5, “and this in no way reflects negatively on any of their work.” He added, “This board committed to completing this plan before the end of its term and due to the tremendous amount of work done by the commission, I believe we have enough information to take it back and finalize it. We need to get it right and get it done.”

“I am not opposed to this decision specifically, but do have a concern regarding timing,” stated Commissioner Dennis Frazier, District 3, “I wanted a week to put this option on the public agenda, to give the Planning Commission and the public an opportunity to comment before a vote.”

Moving forward, the BOC will review the 2017 plan and make changes or updates as they find necessary. The Board will then have a public hearing and after the hearing, will make a decision.

To follow the plan and its process go to: freedomareaplan.org. Citizens are encouraged to review the site’s content and monitor the page for any updates or changes.

Today’s open session will be available for viewing on the [county meeting portal](#), [YouTube channel](#), and the [county Facebook page](#). In addition, all meetings will be replayed on Comcast Channel 24.

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