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Carroll County Commissioners Begin to Analyze Freedom Plan and Update Meeting Schedule

Westminster, MD, September 15, 2017 – Yesterday, the Board of Carroll County Commissioners (BCC) began deliberations on the [Freedom Community Comprehensive Plan](#).

During the meeting, the BCC discussed their strategy for deliberating the plan. The Commissioners acknowledged their responsibility to set the direction for what they want the Freedom Plan to accomplish. They value public input and want to honor the public's request to understand the changes to the plan. Therefore, the list of properties changed in the Freedom Plan will be thoroughly reviewed one-by-one to determine the rationale, benefit and cost for each change. The Carroll County Planning and Zoning Commission provided a thoughtful and comprehensive plan from which the Commissioners will work.

After what was deemed a positive start to deliberations, the board's consensus was to continue discussions to avoid returning the plan to the Carroll County Planning and Zoning Commission. Ultimately, the BCC decided to add a work session for more open discussion before the Open Forum scheduled for September 21, 2017. To this end, an additional meeting to continue deliberations is scheduled for Tuesday, September 19, 2017 at 2:45 p.m. in Room 311 of the County Office Building, 225 N. Center Street, Westminster. The focus of this meeting will be clarification and discussion of the concepts (or rationales) identified in the plan.

In addition, the BCC recommended that all related updates and information appear on the www.freedomareaplan.org website and encouraged all citizens to review the site's content and monitor the page for any updates or changes. Scheduled meetings are as follows:

9/19/17	Commissioner Freedom Plan Discussion, BCC Open Session County Office Building, Room 311, 225 N. Center St., Westminster	2:45 p.m.
9/21/17	BCC Open Forum for the Public South Carroll Senior Center, 5928 Mineral Hill Rd, Eldersburg	7:00 pm
10/19/17	Public Hearing Century High School, 355 Ronsdale Rd, Sykesville (more)	7:00 pm

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10/23/17 Final BCC Discussion/Decision in Open Session
County Office Building, 225 N. Center St., Westminster

3:00 pm

Previous deliberations can be viewed on the Carroll County Government [Meeting](#) Portal:

9/6/17 [Joint BCC/Planning & Zoning Commission meeting](#)

9/14/17 [Commissioner Freedom Plan Discussion, BCC Open Session](#)

Please check the Carroll County Government meeting calendar website or call the County Commissioners' Office at 410-386-2043 for any updates. Public comment will be taken at each meeting.

Many methods will be used to promote citizen access to the plan information. The county encourages all citizens interested in updates to subscribe to news releases with the county's GovDelivery service. Also, all meetings will be streamed and archived on the [county meeting portal](#), [YouTube](#), and [Facebook Live](#). In addition, all meetings will be broadcast live and replayed on Comcast Channel 24.

Any citizen who is unable to attend a public comment session is encouraged to send comments via email to commissioners@ccg.carr.org or by mail to: Carroll County Commissioners, 225 N. Center Street, Westminster, MD, 21157.

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