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Carroll County Commissioners Schedule for Freedom Plan Discussions

Westminster, Wednesday, August 16, 2017 – The Board of County Commissioners of Carroll County (BCC) outlined their plan for discussing the update to the Freedom Community Comprehensive Plan recently approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission. The Commissioners hope that releasing a schedule for their discussions of the “Freedom Plan” will encourage active participation from the citizens. The BCC received the plan from the Carroll County Planning Commission on July 28, 2017 and has 90 days to discuss and deliberate.

As a starting point to discussions, on Wednesday, September 6, 2017, 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm, the BCC will meet jointly with the Planning Commission in Room 003 of the Main County Office Building, 225 N. Center Street, Westminster. This kick-off meeting allows the Planning Commission to explain and clarify the recommendations and the rationale of the plan. This meeting is open to the public; however, no public comment will be accepted.

Following this joint meeting, the BCC will convene to discuss their ideas and perspectives. Subsequently, at least two public comment meetings will occur in the Freedom Area with opportunities for all interested parties to speak. These dates, not currently scheduled, will be well advertised to Carroll County citizens. The county encourages all citizens interested in updates on the process to subscribe to news releases with the [county's GovDelivery service](#).

In an effort to allow citizen's access at all times, 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.

Commissioner Doug Howard, District 5 emphasized, “While we need to be fully committed to getting the plan completed in the designated time frame, receiving even more public comment on the Freedom Plan is critical to the process. The public should feel confident we will provide every effort and opportunity to not only accept public comment, but also to allow access to view the BCC deliberations.”

The Board of County Commissioners is committed to making the Freedom Community Comprehensive Plan review and discussion process as thorough and transparent as possible. Any

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