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MEMORANDUM

TO:

Montgomery County Planning Board

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SUBJECT: Public Hearing Draft Wheaton Central Business District (CBD) and Vicinity

Sector Plan

ACTION:

Take public testimony on the Public Hearing Draft Plan

BACKGROUND

On June 3, 2010, staff presented the Staff Draft of the Wheaton CBD and Vicinity Sector Plan. After discussion, the Planning Board authorized staff to prepare and advertise the Public Hearing Draft of the Plan, including changes directed by the Board. The Planning Board scheduled a public hearing for July 29, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium at 8787 Georgia Avenue in Silver Spring.

Per the Planning Board's direction, additional public outreach was conducted in July before the July 29 Public Hearing. The outreach effort included informational cards and a press release advertising the public hearing. Information in both Spanish and English were distributed to the media, local businesses, religious institutions, and the Westfield Wheaton Mall information kiosk. A series of Wheaton walkabouts with the community and the Planning Director are being planned before the worksessions with the Planning Board starting in late September.

NEXT STEPS

Following the Public Hearing, staff will summarize the testimony presented at the public hearing and conduct the first worksession with the Board in late-September 2010. The Planning Board is requested to bring the Public Hearing Draft, which was previously distributed.

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