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**CLARKSBURG MEDIATION TEAM PRESENTS IMPROVEMENT CONCEPTS TO
MONTGOMERY COUNTY PLANNING BOARD**

SILVER SPRING, MD - Following three months of intense mediation, a group of Clarksburg community members, builders and developers presented the Montgomery County Planning Board their agreement on how best to build out Clarksburg Town Center.

According to the group, the plan as presented significantly improves seven sections of the previously approved site plan for Clarksburg Town Center. It increases pedestrian access, increases parking spaces and enhances the original design with improved facades on all buildings and better landscaping, they said.

The plan presented to the Planning Board includes a public market area, an indoor lap pool and a new concept in planning - live/work units. More information about the presentation will be posted on Park and Planning's website at: www.mcparkandplanning.org <<http://www.mcparkandplanning.org>> by Monday afternoon, April 10.

The Planning Board has scheduled a public hearing to solicit community reaction to the plan on Thursday, April 20 at 7 p.m. A brief overview of the plan will be given at the beginning of the hearing. The hearing will be held in or around the Clarksburg community and everyone is invited to testify.

Following the April 20 public hearing, Park and Planning staff will take public comment into consideration and will assess the plan and write a report on its content. The public will have a minimum of two weeks to review the report prior to a second public hearing slated for late May. The Planning Board anticipates making a decision as to whether the plan represents an acceptable plan of compliance during the May hearing.

Should the Planning Board find the plan acceptable, amended project, preliminary and site plans will be submitted for review. Public hearings will be held on those amendments.

Last year, the Planning Board ruled that developers and builders had violated approved plans by building houses too tall and too close to the streets. County agencies - including Park and Planning -- failed to catch the discrepancies in a timely fashion.

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