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**PLANNING BOARD TO HOLD APRIL 20 PUBLIC FORUM ON CLARKSBURG TOWN
CENTER IMPROVEMENT CONCEPTS SUGGESTED BY MEDIATION GROUP**

SILVER SPRING, MD – The Montgomery County Planning Board will hold a public forum on Thursday April 20, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. on the design concepts brought forth by the Clarksburg Town Center mediation group on proposed improvements to the current site plan. The meeting will be held at the Cedarbrook Community Church located at 23700 Stringtown Road in Clarksburg.

The design concepts and a fuller explanation of the proposed changes is available on Park and Planning's website at www.mcparkandplanning.org. A short presentation of the concepts will be given at the beginning of the April 20 forum.

According to the mediation group, the concepts significantly improve seven sections of the previously approved site plan for Clarksburg Town Center. The concepts increase pedestrian access, the number of parking spaces and enhance the original design by improving building facades and better landscaping, they said.

The concepts presented to the Planning Board include a public market area, an indoor lap pool and a new concept in planning – live/work units.

Following the public forum, Park and Planning staff will take public comments 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 hearing slated for late May.

The Planning Board will be asked to make 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.

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