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**PLANNING BOARD TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARING IN CLARKSBURG ON DEC. 20;  
COMMUNITY INVITED TO TESTIFY ON IMPROVEMENTS NEEDED**

**SILVER SPRING, MD** – The five-member Montgomery County Planning Board announced today that it will hold a hearing in Clarksburg on Tuesday, December 20, 2005 to give Clarksburg community members a chance to directly discuss what they would like to see in a Community Improvement Plan.

The hearing is scheduled from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. It will be held at Cedar Brook Community Church, located at 23700 Stringtown Road in Clarksburg.

“The schedule is designed to accommodate both the people who can come during the day as well as those only available in the evening,” explained Acting Deputy Director of the Montgomery County Department of Park and Planning Bill Mooney. “We want to hear from as many people as possible. Any and all recommendations and perspectives are welcome.”

Park and Planning staff will provide a brief overview and status of the approved and pending development projects in the area. Staff will also provide a short review of the current plans for the unbuilt sections of the commercial area of Clarksburg Town Center.

Recently, community members and developers agreed to mediate their ongoing dispute about site plans, community amenities and construction timelines and work together to formulate a Community Improvement Plan.

Meanwhile, the staff of the Department of Park and Planning will be working independently on a Community Improvement Plan (formally known as Plan of Compliance) that may be considered by the Planning Board if the mediation attempt fails to produce an approvable resolution to the matter.

Comments, recommendations and suggestions from the December 20 hearing will be considered for inclusion in the staff version of a Community Improvement Plan for Clarksburg.

Residents wishing to testify in the afternoon or evening may call 301/495-4600 to sign up in advance. On-site sign-ups are also welcome.

Those unable to attend either hearing are welcome to put their thoughts and suggestions in writing and send via e-mail to: [MCP-Chairman@mncppc-mc.org](mailto:MCP-Chairman@mncppc-mc.org). Or, comments can be sent through U.S.

mail to: Derick Berlage, Chairman, The Montgomery County Planning Board, 8787 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

**WHO:**

Montgomery County Planning Board

**WHAT:**

Public hearing on Clarksburg

**WHEN:**

Tuesday, December 20, 2005

3 p.m. to 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

**WHERE:**

Cedar Brook Community Church

23700 Stringtown

Clarksburg, MD

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