



**Frederick County  
Government  
Frederick, Maryland**

## *News Release*

Winchester Hall / 12 East Church Street  
Frederick, Maryland 21701  
CONTACT: Robin K. Santangelo  
Public Information Officer  
301-600-2590  
rsantangelo@FrederickCountyMD.gov

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

January 17, 2014

### **COMMISSIONERS POSTPONE JANUARY 21 & 22 MONROVIA TOWN CENTER PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**FREDERICK, MD** – The Frederick Board of County Commissioners today announced the postponement of public hearings scheduled for January 21-22 on the Development Rights and Responsibilities Agreement for the Monrovia Town Center Planned Unit Development (PUD).

Postponement of the public hearings is due to changes that the board imposed upon the applicant for the Monrovia Town Center project at last night's public hearing. The applicant will have an opportunity to provide additional information to the board, Planning Commission and county staff to bring the revised PUD concept plan approved by the board on January 16 in line with the proposed Development Rights and Responsibilities Agreement. This information will then be available to the public in advance of the public hearing.

Board President Blaine Young commented, "The majority of the Board of County Commissioners voted for changes to the proposed Monrovia Town Center, including the age-restricted section, because we want to be responsive to the many concerns raised by our citizens. We feel these changes will improve upon the project and make it more compatible with the surrounding area.

"We want to thank all the many Monrovia residents and other citizens who came to the public hearings we first scheduled at Urbana High School, a location that allowed convenient and local access to the hearings, as well as at Winchester Hall, so that they could make known their concerns and to voice what they would prefer to see in this proposal, which has been presented as a compromise for all.

"Finally, the commissioners urge the applicant to hold a second community meeting in accordance with the Zoning Ordinance, although it is not required."

Because of the board's action, the county has reopened the record of Case # R-12-02 - Monrovia Town Center PUD Phase I Application - for the limited purposes of requiring the applicant to revise the plans, studies and other materials and documentation to reflect the changes imposed by the board on the project.

(more)

*Commissioners Postpone January 21 & 22 Monrovia Town Center Public Hearings – Page Two*

The changes to the project as approved by the board include: less density; removal of multi-family/two-over-two dwelling units; percentage allocations of 70 percent and 30 percent to single family detached and single family attached (townhome) unit types, respectively; no access from the development or the park site and school site to Weller Road; limiting the eastern boundary of the project to the western boundary of the power line parcel; designating 50 percent of the project to be age-restricted, and to allow public input on these changes.

Future dates for public hearings will be announced.

For more information, contact Planning Director Jim Gugel, Community Development Division, at 301-600-1144 or via e-mail at [jgugel@FrederickCountyMD.gov](mailto:jgugel@FrederickCountyMD.gov).

###