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Blacksburg Town Council and Montgomery County Board of Supervisors Begin Master Planning for Old Middle School Property

Blacksburg, Virginia, March 15, 2011 – The Town of Blacksburg and Montgomery County have agreed to contract with Arnett Muldrow and Associates to complete a Master Plan for the future development and rezoning of the Old Blacksburg Middle School property. At work sessions on Monday, the Town and County jointly kicked off a two month process which will involve a series of stakeholder meetings and a community master planning workshop. The plan will be finalized by the end of May.

“We’re very excited to collaborate with Montgomery County on the Master Plan for the Old Blacksburg Middle School site. This is the most important redevelopment site in Blacksburg,” said Blacksburg Mayor Ron Rordam. “The Town Council is looking forward to working with the County and the public to develop a plan that enhances the downtown while creating a financial return on the property to help fund school construction.”

Montgomery Board Chair Jim Politis said, “We are pleased that Montgomery County and Blacksburg will be working together on a shared vision to help maximize the site’s potential to bring much needed revenue for new school construction.”

Master Plan Schedule

- March 14: Town and County work sessions with Arnett Muldrow.
- April 3-5: Master Plan workshop and stakeholder meetings, Blacksburg Motor Company, Times TBD.
- April 4: Presentation to the Board of Supervisors, 6pm Work Session, County Government Center.
- April 5: Presentation at Town Council Work Session, 11am, Blacksburg Motor Company.
- April 19: Joint Planning Commission and Town Council Work Session, 11am, Blacksburg Transit.
- May 10: Public open house and presentation to Town Council at their regular meeting, 7:30 pm, Roger E. Hedgepeth Chambers, 300 South Main Street.
- May 17: Joint meeting of Town Council and Board of Supervisors, 5 pm, Blacksburg Transit.
- Late May: Master Plan Approval by Town Council and Board of Supervisors.