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### **Rockville Planning Board Approves Affordable Housing Project Montgomery Housing Partnership Receives Approval to develop 109 units**

**July 25, 2008 – Silver Spring, MD** Montgomery Housing Partnership (MHP) will move forward with plans to construct a 109 unit affordable housing apartment building in the center of downtown Rockville. On July 23, 2008, the Rockville City Planning Commission approved the Beall's II application for a use permit by a vote of 4-1, finding that the project met the city's goals and plans for this site.

MHP plans to construct a four story building on the northwest corner of N. Washington Street and Beall Avenue adjacent to a 60 unit property they developed in 1994. The proposed building will be one of the first "green buildings" in Rockville with environmentally friendly features such as raised rooftop courtyards and energy efficient appliances. The group will now obtain financing and hopes to begin construction in approximately one year.

"MHP is very pleased that the Planning Commission recognized the benefits of this project," states Robert Goldman, President of MHP. "There is a housing crisis in Montgomery County and the Beall's II project will increase the number of quality affordable housing units available to moderate and low income families."

*Montgomery Housing Partnership's (MHP) mission is to preserve and expand quality affordable housing in Montgomery County. This mission is accomplished by acquiring, rehabilitating, building and managing quality affordable housing. MHP also enhances the vitality of the neighborhoods in which affordable housing is located and develops and implements community life programs in those neighborhoods. MHP is a nonprofit organization that has been in operation since 1989 and has over 1,000 properties in its portfolio.*