



**ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD
APPROVED MINUTES OF MEETING
Greenbelt Community Center
October 14, 2015
Minutes Prepared by Jessica Bellah**

- I. The meeting was called to order at 7:34 pm

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Isabelle Gournay, Matthew Johnson, Jeff Lemieux, Keith Chernikoff, and Nicole Williams.
CITY STAFF PRESENT: Jessica Bellah
CITY LIAISON PRESENT: Mayor Pro Tem Judith Davis

- II. Agenda approved as presented.
- III. Minutes for August 12, 2015 were approved as presented.
- IV. WMATA trail Greenbelt Station South Core– Ms. Bellah introduced the WMATA trail topic and provided background information on the topic. Ms. Bellah explained that the city’s Development Agreement called for a direct connection from the development to the Greenbelt Metro Station in the form of a pedestrian and bicycle trail.

The Board reviewed the presented alignment and asked questions regarding the flood plain and how often the trail may be impassible. Representatives from Woodlawn Development Group (South Core development team) explained that to raise the trail out of the floodplain would require substantial disturbance to the adjacent wetlands. The Board discussed if additional landscaping and planting in the adjacent areas were proposed. Woodlawn and Ms. Bellah explained that the proposed work did not include such items and that the goal of the project is to minimize impacts to surrounding land areas. The Board discussed vehicle access for emergency vehicles and Woodlawn responded that access would be from the northern point as the boardwalk and bridge are not rated to support vehicles.

Ms. Bellah explained that at this time, staff’s primary concern was that the crosswalk from the trail to the Metro site crosses the off-ramp of 495. Staff has requested that a traffic study be completed for this crosswalk and recommendations made to ensure a safe crossing. Mr. Johnson emphasized that a user activated crossing would be preferable with early warning signals such as rumble strips, inroad flex posts to slow down traffic, flashing lights or a full signalized stop.

The Board asked Ms. Bellah to include their comments and concerns in her staff report to Council for their upcoming worksession.

- V. Greenbelt Station North Core Transit Oriented Development – Mr. Beall was present to discuss his plans for the private mixed-use development at the North Core site. Mr. Beall also provided comment on the WMAT Trail where it interacts with his proposed development. Mr. Beall gave an update on the General Service Administration’s status regarding selection of a new site for the FBI headquarters. Mr. Beall then presented changes to his plan.

The Board discussed several topics and made recommendations. In general the Board would like to reduce parking in the development and reduce the amount of lanes proposed as part of Greenbelt Station Parkway. There are now sidewalks on both sides of the street up to the FBI site main exit. The Board asked if a shared use path for bicyclists and pedestrian may be more appropriate. The Board also discussed light and air in the enclosed bus loop as well as art. Overall the Board asked Mr. Beall to adjust bike and pedestrian facilities to provide separate dedicated facilities for these users that are protected from vehicle traffic and most importantly bus routes and Beltway access ramps.

VI. The meeting was adjourned at 9:43pm.

APPROVED