



**ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD**  
**Greenbelt Community Center**  
**August 27, 2014**  
Minutes Prepared by Jessica Bellah

- I. The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Brian Gibbons, Keith Chernikoff, Jeff Lemieux, Matt Johnson and Nicole Williams.

CITY STAFF PRESENT: Jessica Bellah

CITY LIAISON PRESENT: Mayor Pro Tem Judith Davis

ALSO PRESENT: 1 member of the public.

- II. Agenda approved.

- III. Minutes for July 23, 2014 approved with revisions.

- IV. Review of Trails Map – The City has received an ATHA mini-grant to fund alterations and reprinting of city-wide bicycle and pedestrian trail maps.

Ms. Bellah reviewed staff's draft changes to trail maps and explained that all alterations to the current design may have cost restrictions and software limitations.

- Mr. Johnson asked that the cross-city bicycle route be altered to show when travel occurs on roads vs. trails.
- Board asks if line weights can be used to suggest safest routes through hierarchy of weight and information. There was some discussion of using more colors to accomplish this; however, greater cost is associated with additional color schemes.
- New symbols marking the East Coast Greenway route led to discussion of the American Discovery Trail route. Ms. Bellah will verify routing and report back to the board.

Action: Ms. Bellah will include APB feedback on draft changes and coordinate with staff to complete new drafts of the trail maps.

- V. Economic Development Focus Groups

Ms. Bellah reported that five focus group meetings were held with participants including big businesses, small businesses, community organizations/non-profits, advisory board chairs and citizen advocates. The meetings were fairly well attended averaging 10 in each group. There was also an online survey which received approximately twenty responses. The City expects the SWOT analysis to be completed within the next two weeks and final report by the end of the Month/early October. Mr. Gibbons, who attended a meeting, also spoke on their experiences attending the meetings

- VI. Update on Springhill Drive Safe Routes to School Construction Project

Ms. Bellah reported that concrete work is completed and signage/stripping should be completed in the next two weeks. The existing school zone beacon is active and its relocation is anticipated in the next month.

- VII. Update on Planning Projects

- Springhill Lake Recreation Center Parking Lot Retrofit Project – Ms. Bellah reported that the project is underway and expected to take two weeks to completion; eastbound Cherrywood Lane bike lanes will be closed during this time frame.
- Hanover Parkway Bus Shelter at Hunting Ridge is nearing completion.
- Ms. Bellah reported that there are currently no updates on the bikeshare feasibility study. Mr. Lemieux asks if there is anything that can be done to move forward. Ms. Bellah explains her understanding of the delay and states that Greenbelt is in touch with county representatives but does not expect forward momentum until the county or state finds financial resources to move the study forward. A discussion of bikeshare equipment manufacturing and industry explored possible topics that will be included in a study.
- Update on Greenbelt Station South Core
  - Mayor Pro Tem Judith Davis reports that zip code assignment and postal service to new residents of Greenbelt station is being resolved. Until more people reside in the area, the post office will not be delivering mail.
  - Trail to the metro station – Ms. Bellah explains that work on designing and building the trail will proceed once WMATA allows survey work to be conducted.
  - Bike trails – Mr. Lemieux expresses that the trail designed to connect Branchville Road to Cherrywood Lane/Breezwood Drive is the higher priority connection.
  - APB asks who currently owns/maintains the bridge entrance to the site and if this will change in the future. Ms. Bellah will report back. Currently the site is served by a wide right turn lane, which is discussed in context of pedestrian and bicycle amenities. Ms. Bellah explains the phasing timeline of expected changes to this intersection.

#### VIII. Other Business

Beltway Plaza Development – Mr. Lemieux summarized new information from his discussion with Mr. Kap Kapastin regarding potential bicycle, pedestrian, and other improvements throughout the shopping center. The Board reiterates that it would like to invite Mr. Kapastin to a future meeting and to focus on Cherrywood Lane design in context of Beltway Plaza.

Mr. Johnson asked if there is any existing signage associated with the American Discovery Trail and if additional signage could be added. Ms. Bellah will research this matter.

#### IX. The meeting was adjourned at 8:49 pm.