



**ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD
APPROVED MINUTES OF MEETING
Greenbelt Community Center
October 24, 2018
Minutes Prepared by Molly Porter**

I. The meeting was called to order at 7:33 pm

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Brian Gibbons, Nicole Williams, Ben Friedman, Isabelle Gournay, and Syed Shamim

ABSENT WAS: Maria Silvia Miller and Keith Chernikoff

STAFF PRESENT: Terri Hruby and Molly Porter

ALSO PRESENT: Residents: Michael Hartman, Lore Rosenthal, and John Lippert

II. Agenda approved as presented

III. Minutes approved as amended

IV. Discussion of Proposed Redevelopment Plans for Beltway Plaza

Ms. Hruby gave an update about the proposed redevelopment plans for Beltway Plaza and the upcoming City Council work session on this topic. She explained that the redevelopment is still in the informal stages and no official recommendation from APB is required at this time.

The Board agreed that they will continue to work on a document that outlines preliminary comments and concerns about the proposed redevelopment as presented. This document will be transmitted to City Council and will be presented at the November 14th work session. The Board agreed to attend the work session in place of the next regularly scheduled APB meeting. The Board then began to discuss their concerns and comments about the proposed redevelopment plans.

Ms. Gournay shared with the Board examples of different housing types from various locations. She noted that this redevelopment offers the opportunity to create an interesting neighborhood and that these types of housing could be incorporated into the redevelopment proposal. Mr. Gibbons also shared examples of a variety of different housing types and organizations that are involved in that type of building.

Mr. Lippert noted his feeling that the redevelopment should be better connected to the Greenbelt Metro station. Mr. Hartman shared his concerns about traffic patterns, the affordability of the housing proposed, and ensuring that deconstruction protocols outline that materials be saved. He also noted that affordable housing should be interspersed throughout the development and not concentrated in one location.

The Board echoed their previous statements that more and better defined recreation space needs to be included in the redevelopment plans. It was discussed that this goal could be achieved by adding housing on top of the existing parking garages to allow for more recreation space on the ground or to

include recreation space on top of the existing parking garages. The Board also noted again their concern about school capacity.

Members of the Board discussed their desire that more senior housing be included in the plans, particularly in the earlier phases. Mr. Friedman also noted that there should be amenities and commercial options geared towards seniors.

The discussion of the redevelopment proposal concluded with the Board agreeing that the document outlining concerns and comments would be completed by November 7th and transmitted by Staff to City Council in preparation of the work session.

V. Update on Planning Projects

It was agreed that the Board would receive this update at a later meeting.

VI. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm.