



ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD
APPROVED/MODIFIED MINUTES OF MEETING
Greenbelt Community Center
April 1, 2009
Minutes Prepared by Amy Hofstra

Meeting was called to order at 7:40pm

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT WERE George Branyan, Keith Chernikoff, Emmett Jordan, Jim Cohen, and Brian Gibbons.

CITY STAFF PRESENT WAS Amy Hofstra.

OTHER ATTENDEES present included Bob Rand.

The agenda and the minutes of March 4th were approved with two changes. Mr. Cohen added a second question to the survey, and Mr. Jordan clarified his statement about evaluating trails outside of the City boundaries.

The Board agreed to spend this meeting discussing the five consultants recommended by the Council of Governments.

Mr. Jordan began the meeting by suggesting that each member list their top picks among the five consultants recommended for the TLC grant. Mr. Branyan began by describing the criteria he used to make his selections. Through his professional work, Mr. Branyan was familiar with several of the firms and was also able to get feedback from colleagues who knew the personnel well. Ms. Hofstra also shared her opinion with the Board.

After every Board member had spoken, Mr. Chernikoff sensed that the Board preferred Toole. Mr. Branyan suggested that Ms. Hofstra ask Toole to answer three questions; to clarify the capabilities of the online GIS tool, to expand the gap analysis to include general deficiencies, and to provide a time line for deliverables. Mr. Chernikoff suggested that the Board should recommend Toole as the preferred consultant if their answers to the three questions were consistent with the Board's expectations.

At the suggestion of Mr. Cohen, the Board agreed to use their resources to "get the word out" and publicize the plan throughout Greenbelt and in Springhill Lake in particular. The Board adjourned at 9:00pm.