



**ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD  
APPROVED MINUTES OF MEETING  
Greenbelt Community Center  
June 17, 2009  
Minutes Prepared by Amy Hofstra**

Meeting was called to order at 7:35pm

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

CITY STAFF PRESENT WAS Amy Hofstra.

OTHER ATTENDEES present included Derek Thompson.

The agenda and the minutes of June 3rd were approved without any changes. Mr. Branyan began the meeting by setting the agenda and introducing the guest, Mr. Thompson, to the Board. Ms. Hofstra described an opportunity for a training exercise with a landscape architect. The Board was interested in pursuing the opportunity and suggested weekends in August as possible dates.

The Board then reviewed the suggested list of locations for the three concept designs that would be prepared by Toole Design Group. Mr. Cohen suggested that the Board try to select three locations that addressed each of the three issues, bicycle, pedestrian, and accessibility. The Board agreed that some locations on the list, such as the crosswalk at Saint Hughs or the roundabout at Cherrywood Lane and Metro Drive, were already being addressed and should not be considered. During a discussion of a side path on Greenbelt Road, Mr. Cohen suggested that they not select design projects at locations where they City had no right of way. Mr. Branyan recommended that the Board confirm with Toole Design Group if there would be sufficient right of way available before moving ahead with the concept plan at any of the locations. Mr. Cohen suggested that the Board select one location in each of the three parts of the City.

The Board then voted for their top three choices. The three locations that received the most votes were Southway at Greenbelt Road, Hanover Parkway bike lanes between Ora Glen and Greenbelt Road, and Cherrywood Lane between Greenbelt Road and Breezewood Drive.

The Board then heard a report from Mr. Thompson regarding the proposed pedestrian improvements in Windsor Green. The homeowners association (HOA) for Windsor Green had recently sent a letter and a map to the City manager describing the desired

improvements. Mr. Thompson enquired about how decisions were made to make such improvements. Ms. Hofstra commented that she hoped the process would be more efficient and focused after the Master Plan was completed. Mr. Branyan mentioned that ADA requirements allow crosswalks to be installed if ramps are added in a “reasonable” period of time. Reasonable was usually defined as within one year. Mr. Thompson emphasized that pedestrian safety was very important and that the Windsor Green HOA was also trying to make their playgrounds more accessible to the public. Mr. Thompson also requested that a pedestrian signal be added to Greenway Center Drive. Mr. Branyan added that the stairs behind Giant prevented the construction of a sidewalk there.

Before concluding for the evening the Board expressed an interest in urging Old Line Bank to improve the bicycle path between the SHA property and Turner Place. Ms. Hofstra said she would look into the request with the rest of Staff.

The Board adjourned at 9:07 pm.