



**ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD
APPROVED MINUTES OF MEETING
Greenbelt Community Center
May 6, 2009
Minutes Prepared by Amy Hofstra**

Meeting was called to order at 7:40pm

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

CITY STAFF PRESENT WAS Amy Hofstra.

OTHER ATTENDEES present included RJ Eldridge and Jim Elliott from Toole Design Group.

The agenda and the minutes of April 15th were approved with one spelling correction. Ms. Sandra Lange was introduced as the Board's newest member. The consultants hired to complete the Bicycle/Pedestrian Master Plan from Toole Design Group were also introduced. A few names were added to the stakeholder's list before it was finalized.

Mr. Eldridge began the meeting by reviewing the project scope. He described the bicycle field study, the policy recommendations, and the limits to the project given the time available. Mr. Cohen suggested that Mr. Eldridge and Mr. Elliott review the feedback generated at the GHI charrette and the City's visioning exercises.

The Board then discussed the stakeholder meeting. Mr. Eldridge was concerned that the stakeholders meeting would be difficult to conduct if opened to the general public. The Board suggested that they provide additional assistance to accommodate the large crowds. The Board and the consultant agreed that the stakeholders meeting should be held on May 27th, and the bicycle field survey should be held on May 16th.

Mr. Eldridge and Mr. Elliott described the interactive web-based maps hosted by communitywalk.com. This online map can be modified by the public by identifying and describing locations where there are deficiencies in the bicycle and pedestrian services in Greenbelt. Users will also be able to review and comment on locations identified by others. Mr. Elliott said that the communitywalk website should be operational by the following Monday or Tuesday.

The remainder of the meeting was spent marking large maps of Greenbelt prepared by Mr. Elliott. Board members took turns labeling the map with markers to indicate locations where there were gaps, hazards, or inadequate services were located.

The Board agreed that they would prepare for the public meeting on May 27th at their next meeting on May 20th. The Board adjourned at 9:21 pm.