



**ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD
APPROVED MINUTES OF MEETING**

**Meeting Held Over Zoom
July 15, 2020**

Minutes Prepared by Molly Porter

- I. The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Syed Shamim, Ben Friedman,
Keith Chernikoff, Isabelle Gournay and James Drake

ABSENT WAS: Maria Silvia Miller and Matthew Inzeo

STAFF PRESENT: Molly Porter

ALSO PRESENT: Nathan George (RK&K) and Robert Gillespie (RK&K)

- II. Agenda approved as presented

- III. Minutes of May 20, 2020 were approved as presented and the minutes of June 3, 2020 approved as amended

- IV. Cherrywood Lane Presentation of 30% Design Plans for Phase 2 of the Cherrywood Lane Complete and Green Street Project

Representatives from RK&K were present at the meeting to present the 30% design plans for Phase 2 of the Cherrywood Lane Complete and Green Street Project. Throughout the presentation Board members raised a variety of questions. Mr. Drake asked how cyclists traveling north on Cherrywood Lane would travel to the Greenbelt Metro Station. The presenters responded that cyclists could either enter the lane of traffic or use the sidewalk/shared use path to bypass the roundabout. Mr. Drake then noted that there should be an easy way for cyclists to enter the traffic lane at the roundabout. There was then a discussion about the painted hatching proposed for this area.

There was a great deal of discussion about the proposed roundabout at the Cherrywood Lane and Ivy Lane intersection. Mr. Drake asked about how cyclists can enter the lane of traffic to travel through the roundabout. The presenters responded that at this time the design would not allow for cyclists to enter the lane of traffic. Mr. Drake responded that he was in favor of the roundabout but strongly felt that cyclists should have the option to enter the lane of traffic at the roundabout. The presenters responded that this option should be explored at a later stage of design.

Mr. Shamim raised the issue of safety at the roundabout and expressed that more tools are needed to reinforce safety. The presenters noted that roundabouts are designed to reduce the speeds of vehicles.

The last section of roadway discussed was the intersection of Edmonston Road and Cherrywood Lane. At this location the presenters are proposing a bike box so that cyclists

can safely turn left onto Edmonston Road. Mr. Drake expressed support for this design. There was then a conversation about the cost estimate provided by the RK&K representatives. It was discussed that this estimate did not include the design fee. At the conclusion of the presentation Mr. Drake again raised the importance of further study of the Ivy Lane roundabout. He expressed the importance of cyclists being able to enter the lane of traffic.

A concern was raised about the road diet near Edmonston Road noting that turning left onto Cherrywood Lane can currently be hindered by slow moving traffic and removing one lane could create problems.

The Board expressed general support for the design and agreed to transmit a report to Council that includes a strong recommendation to further consider the design of the proposed roundabout at Ivy Lane.

V. Bicyclists on Pedestrian Pathways

Ms. Gournay raised a strong concern about bicyclists traveling on pedestrian pathways and how fast-moving cyclists, in particular, can create safety issues for pedestrians. There was a discussion about whether signage could be installed on pedestrian paths stating that cyclists are not permitted. There was a discussion about previous actions taken on this issue, including submitting information to the Greenbelt News Review detailing that cyclists are not permitted on sidewalks. The Board also noted that Mr. John Campanile should be consulted on this issue. The Board agreed to continue to discuss this issue at a future meeting and members of the Board suggested that this conversation could be incorporated with the conversation about the Greenbelt Pedestrian and Bicyclist Master Plan.

VI. New Business

No new business was discussed.

VII. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.