



**ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD  
APPROVED MINUTES OF MEETING**

**Virtual Meeting**

**May 19, 2021**

Minutes Prepared by Molly Porter

- I. The meeting was called to order at 7:36 PM

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

STAFF PRESENT: Molly Porter

- II. Agenda approved as presented
- III. Minutes of April 21, 2021 approved as presented
- IV. Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan Update

The Board discussed individual pedestrian recommendations in the Pedestrian and Bicyclist Master Plan. During the discussion the Board determined whether the recommendation was still necessary, if it needed to be amended, and/or if it should be given high priority. There were several recommendations that the Board discussed at length. The first recommendation had to do with pedestrian access to Greenway Shopping Center. Board members expressed strong concern about the crosswalk on Greenbelt Road to the shopping center because it appears that an unofficial path has been formed down a steep slope. Board members expressed that this is a situation that should be addressed because of safety concerns. The Board raised the possibility of installing a stairway near the existing M&T Bank to provide safe pedestrian access to the shopping center. The Board also discussed opportunities to increase pedestrian safety within the parking lot.

The Board also discussed crosswalks and pedestrian recommendations for Historic Greenbelt. In general, the Board agreed that there are areas where restriping is necessary and that improvements to the inner pathway system should be prioritized over the installation of new sidewalks. A concern was also raised about interactions between motorists and pedestrians at mid-block crossings. Additional signage at these locations was discussed. The Board also agreed that in general, and city-wide, where there are existing curb cuts there should be a crosswalk to connect these curb cuts.

The Board then discussed the intersection of Greenbelt Road and Lakecrest Drive. Board members generally agreed that this intersection is a top concern. Opportunities to improve the intersection that were discussed included prohibiting right-turns on red and adding signage to that effect. The Board also heavily discussed sidewalks along Southway, particularly near the Armory building. The Board generally agreed that a path in that area is

necessary for access to Historic Greenbelt. This was also discussed in the context of the proposed development at 7010 Greenbelt Road.

At the conclusion of the discussion the Board agreed to continue meeting to discuss the Master Plan recommendations. The Board also agreed to transmit to Council a report that would detail the recommendations to date to be discussed at the next APB meeting where the Master Plan is on the agenda.

- V. No new business was discussed.
- VI. The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 PM