

ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD APPROVED MINUTES OF MEETING Virtual Meeting June 9, 2021

Minutes Prepared by Molly Porter

I. The meeting was called to order at: 7:34 PM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Keith Chernikoff, Ben Friedman, Matthew Inzeo, Isabelle

Gournay, Syed Shamim, and Jim Drake

STAFF PRESENT: Molly Porter

COUNCIL PRESENT: Council Member J Davis

- II. Agenda approved as presented
- III. Minutes of June 2, 2021 approved as amended
- IV. Update of the Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Pan

The Board continued their discussion of the Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan starting with the pedestrian recommendations. The Board went through the recommendations individually to discuss if they should be modified, removed, or if the priority level should be changed. The Board spent time discussing the scope of the recommendation that addressed the Historic Greenbelt Pathway System, which recommend the widening and repaving of paths.

Mr. Friedman noted that the scope of the item was unclear, but he did discuss accessibility as it relates to Buddy Attick Lake Park. He recommended and members of the Board concurred that a separate report focusing on accessibility throughout the historic pathway system would be beneficial. The Board also discussed Northway Road from Ridge Road to the eastern terminus and whether this area should be paved. Members of the Board noted that motorists generally drive slowly on this road and perhaps a sign could be placed to warn about fallen branches.

The Board also discussed recommendations that are or will be addressed by ongoing projects, such as recommendations on Cherrywood Lane, Hanover Parkway, and Breezewood Drive. A connection from the eastern terminus of Northway Road to Explorer Road (NASA Goddard) was discussed. Council Member Davis noted that this recommendation has been raised with NASA and that City Council included this recommendation in their letter regarding the ongoing NASA Greenbelt Campus Master Planning process.

The Board also had a discussion of Greenbelt Road and 63rd Avenue. Concerns were raised about pedestrian safety at this intersection, particularly with respect to students who need to cross this road. The Board discussed an extension oF the existing median and a leading pedestrian interval. A number of other recommendations were discussed and at the

conclusion on the meeting Mr. Chernikoff asked that staff draft a summary of the recommendations that the Board has made to date. Staff agreed to draft this summary and the Board agreed to continue this discussion at a later date.

- V. No new business was discussed.
- VI. The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 PM.