



**ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD
APPROVED MINUTES OF MEETING**

Virtual Meeting

December 1, 2021

Minutes Prepared by Molly Porter

- I. The meeting was called to order at 7:40 PM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Keith Chernikoff, Jim Drake, Isabelle Gournay, Matthew Inzeo, Maria Silvia Miller, and Ben Friedman

STAFF PRESENT: Molly Porter

COUNCIL PRESENT: Councilmember J. Davis

- II. Agenda approved as presented
- III. Minutes of November 3, 2021 approved as presented
- IV. Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan Update

The Board continued their discussion of the Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan. Mr. Inzeo shared his findings about the path on Kara Court, noting that it would be easy to connect because the path is there but the bridge is closed off. Councilmember Davis noted that the HOA voted to cede the land to the City if the City agrees to maintain. Staff stated that they would look into where this process is at. The Board discussed the use of sharrows and where they would be appropriate throughout the City. Mr. Friedman raised that the City has circulated a ped/bike trails map and that if a street is identified as a ped/bike route, sharrows should be marked. The Board then discussed Greenbelt Road and the challenges that it presents to cyclists. Staff noted the ongoing project exploring ped/bike opportunities for Greenbelt Road. The Board recommended to retain recommendations related to Lakeside, Southway, and Lakecrest. The Board also discussed scheduling a field trip to Ridge Road to discuss the recommendations further.

The Board continued their discussion about the importance of connecting the inner walkway system and their strong belief that crosswalks should be provided to enhance the use of the inner walkway system. The Board recommended to remove the recommendation for Northway, but to potentially install a speed limit sign as to reminder drivers.

The Board then discussed the recommendation to provide a ped/bike connection to the NASA Goddard campus. Staff noted that this recommendation was also listed in the NASA Goddard Master Plan process. Board members noted that a concern about the path down the hillside in this area.

The Board then discussed the fence between the City and the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center. The Board identified this as a high priority and discussed putting a pipe in this area to carry water from the houses away from the path.

The Board also discussed the path around Greenbelt Lake. The Board agreed that the width is largely not an issue but that parts of the path could be resurfaced. There was a concern about Lakeside at the lake trail because Board members have observed leaves and branches getting stuck and a gully being formed in this location.

There was a discussion about Kenilworth Avenue and ways to make it more bicycle friendly, particularly at its intersection with Crescent Road. Board members noted that westbound on Crescent Road the facilities are adequate, but that there should be a separate bike lane for cyclists turning right onto Crescent Road from Kenilworth Avenue. There was also discussion of Ivy Lane at Kenilworth Avenue and that signage should be added directing cyclists on the East Coast Greenway. Board members indicated that cyclists should be directed down Turner Place. The Board discussed several other recommendations and staff stated that they would compile all of the recommendations to date for the Board to review.

- V. No new business was discussed.
- VI. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM