



**Greenbelt Advisory Planning Board
Wednesday, February 21, 2024
7:00 pm**

**Greenbelt Community Center
Room 202**

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES
Minutes prepared by Jaime Fearer

- I. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm.

<u>Members</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Keith Chernikoff	X	
James Drake	X	
Ben Friedman, Chair	X	
Isabelle Gournay, Vice Chair	X	
Matthew Inzeo (7:22 pm)	X	
Maria Silvia Miller (7:16 pm)	X	
Syed Shamim (7:06 pm)	X	

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

STAFF PRESENT: Jaime Fearer (Planning)

COUNCIL LIASION AND/OR COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Danielle McKinney

ALSO PRESENT: PRAB board members (Jake Chesnutt, Chair; Matt Sickle, Vice Chair; Lola Skolnik; Lance Beasley; Marc Siegel; Michael Lee; Carol Malveaux); Recreation & Parks Staff (Greg Varda, Director; Cathy Pracht); Bill Orleans

- II. Agenda: Approved as presented.
- III. Minutes of January 17, 2024: Approved as presented.
- IV. Presentation to APB & PRAB: Prince George’s County Memorial Library System –Greenbelt Branch Storywalk Proposal
- City Manager would like to have a referral from APB, PRAB, and ACE

- Presenter: John Pfeifer, PGMLS
 - PGMLS staff will change out stories every 6-8 weeks
 - There are about 130 Storywalks throughout the U.S.
 - August 2023: PGMLS approved to received a \$20,000 ARPA Nonprofit Recovery Grant (PGMLS applied in May 2023)
 - Ms. Gournay: Asked about whether the panels are digital and how to prevent vandalism.
 - PGMLS: They are not digital; PGMLS will abate any vandalism
 - PRAB: Asked about who has input on the content added to the stations.
 - PRAB: Asked what the height of the panel/station is
 - PGMLS: 28-32" tall
 - PGMLS will replace panels/stands as needed
 - Mr. Friedman: Will there be any lighting added?
 - PGMLS: No.
 - Mr. Drake: What is the alignment with the path?
 - PGMLS/Mr. Varda: Expect the path to be widened and that will be taken into account
 - PRAB: Who is responsible for ongoing maintenance?
 - Mr. Varda: Will need an MOU between the City and PGMLS on maintenance, etc.
 - PRAB: Worried about the stations becoming obstacles to people/animals going around the path – have other locations been considered?
 - Mr. Varda: This is being considered as a pilot project; other locations in the longer term could be Schrom Hills Park, Greenbelt Station
 - PRAB: Will the mature trees by the playground be protected during construction?
 - Mr. Varda: Construction will be supervised by Public Works
 - Mr. Shamim: Concerns about ADA access along the path
 - PRAB: Concerns about moisture and humidity
- APB discussion:
 - Mr. Drake: Would like to see foot/stepping pads at the base of the stations
 - Ms. Gournay: Opportunity to use the stations for other things, i.e. drawing contest, etc.
 - The board generally believes this is a good pilot project to gauge interest.
 - Mr. Chernikoff: Public Works should upgrade the path connections to the stations to help prevent erosion
 - Mr. Drake: Should separate the issue of widening the path from the project.
 - Mr. Inzeo: Should have an 18-month review/evaluation
 - Ms. Gournay: Should be considered an experiment and not as a permanent installation
 - APB votes 7-0 to write a report in support and that addresses the considerations above.

V. Staff Updates:

- On Council's 2/2624 agenda: Metro's FY2025 Proposed Service Changes and Request to the County Historic Preservation Commission to designate Dora Kennedy French Immersion School building a County Historic Site

VI. New Business:

- Discussion on meeting timing going forward.
 - Mr. Friedman proposes shifting the meeting time earlier to accommodate.
 - Mr. Chernikoff suggests 6:30 pm start time and the board agrees.
 - Ms. Fearer will update the room reservations and posted time on the City's website.

VII. The meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm.