



**ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD**  
**UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**Greenbelt Community Center**  
**October 1, 2014**  
Minutes Prepared by Jessica Bellah

- I. The meeting was called to order at 7:31pm  
  
BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Keith Chernikoff, Matt Johnson, Isabelle Gournay and Maria Silvia Miller  
CITY STAFF PRESENT: Jessica Bellah and Celia Craze  
CITY LIAISON PRESENT: Mayor Pro Tem Judith Davis  
ALSO PRESENT: 1 member of the public.
- II. Agenda approved with the addition of North Core Greenbelt Station to Update on Various Planning Projects.
- III. Minutes for August 27, 2014 approved as presented.
- IV. Mayor Pro Tem Judith Davis updates- Ms. Davis informed the board that ~~forty-five~~ about 25 (with up to 60 under contract) people have moved into the development and that construction continues at a rapid pace. In the North Core area, the possible relocation of the FBI to this site prompted many residents in adjacent College Park neighborhoods to express concerns that a developer will buy up many properties, tear them down, and put up high rise buildings. ~~raising property values~~ Ms. Davos discussed the various political entities involved in the selection process. Ms. Davis reported that other concerns associated with the FBI Headquarters involve traffic and environmental issues. (Note strike through denote corrections made after approval of minutes by the board.)
- V. WMATA Transit Facilities and the North Core – Ms. Craze was present to respond to emails from APB members requesting to be included in early redesign discussions of the parking, pedestrian, and bus facilities at Greenbelt Metro station and to meet with stakeholders from WMATA and Renard. Ms. Craze informed board members that current design discussions between Renard, WMATA and transportation agencies change daily and opportunities to provide input on the design will be forthcoming. There are no plans to refer to the board at this time.
- VI. Review of Trails Map: American Discovery Trail (ADT) alignment – Ms. Bellah reported that she has confirmed the trail alignment shown in the trails map. The partial closure of Research Road during portions of the day account for the two alignments shown on the map. APB members discussed if it is still possible for pedestrians to access the road even if vehicle traffic is blocked and for signage to indicate this to users of the ADT. Ms. Davis advised that BARC be contacted to discuss before any action is taken. Ms. Bellah is in contact with the Maryland coordinator of the trail who will provide signage for the Greenbelt portion of the trail.
- VII. Report on Public Scoping Meeting for FBI Headquarters Environmental Impact Statement - Ms. Davis reported on the open-house style of the meeting. Mr. Johnson briefly attended and reported his experience. Ms. Bellah attended as well and discussed the expected process moving forward. Ms. Miller expressed that many citizens in Greenbelt may not understand the EIS process and early engagement with the public will be the greatest challenge moving forward. She recommends the Council develop a strategy for talking with the public rather than allowing public sediment to be formed without guidance. The board discussed many of the believed pros and cons of the FBI relocating to Greenbelt including how their leasing or ownership of the site may affect the tax base. Discussion also included environmental impacts, public open space and existing vacant office space in the city.

VIII. Report on Stakeholder meeting with Beltway Plaza from APB members – Tabled.

IX. Update on Various Planning Projects

- Chesapeake Bay Trust Stormwater Grant Application – Completed and submitted. Awards will be announced in January 2015.
- Bus Shelter on Hanover Parkway at Hunting Ridge – Under construction, near completion. Ms. Bellah affirmed that as construction of new bus shelters move forward, best practices are implemented in bus design.
- Transit Stakeholder Meeting - The Transit Stakeholder Meeting is set for Oct. 22 at 8pm. WMATA and Prince George's County will be in attendance.
- Greenbelt Station South Core – Ms. Bellah had nothing new to report beyond what was addressed earlier in the meeting. The Board hopes that the city will develop methods for engaging the new residents of the development and suggested that the spring would be an ideal time for this to occur. The board discussed developing an outreach strategy and providing recommendations to council. Ms. Bellah responded that she believes council is already actively engaging with the new residents.

X. Other Business- A member of the public wished to inform the board that the City Council is developing a code of conduct for the city advisory boards. The board discussed their existing adherence to such standards and feels that such codes are good and needed.

XI. The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 pm. Next meeting is scheduled for Oct. 15, 2014.