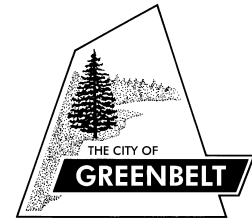


**ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD  
APPROVED MINUTES OF MEETING  
Greenbelt Community Center  
October 24, 2012**



CHAIR GEORGE BRANYAN called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

PRESENT WERE BOARD CHAIR BRANYAN AND Board members Matt Johnson and Jeff Lemieux.

ALSO PRESENT WAS Celia Craze, City Staff.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** An item was added to discuss the Quarterly transit meeting to be held on 10/29. By a vote of 3-0 this item was added to the evening's agenda.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** On a motion by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Lemieux, the minutes of the meeting of October 1, 2012 was approved by a vote of 3-0.

**SUNNYSIDE AVENUE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT as it RELATES to PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLIST FACILITIES:** It was pointed out that the proposed plans show widening of the roadway, to include bike lanes and shoulders. The Board was concerned that the extra road width would ultimately be used as part of a new travel lane. There was extensive discussion that the road project would result in greater road widening than is required, and that this would be wasteful of money and construction materials. Further, regardless of what is being said about future use of the road, the widened road suggests that ultimately the road can be widened to absorb more vehicle traffic. This would result in a loss of opportunity to improve access for pedestrian users and bicyclists. Equally concerning is that the purpose of the bridge widening project does not seem to be honestly discussed, when all elements of the design indicate that this project is intended to accommodate future road widening.

On a motion by Mr. Lemieux and seconded by Mr. Johnson, the board passed a motion to recommend elimination of the road shoulder and to oppose widening but to include bike lanes and sidewalks on both sides. The Board posed two questions to the engineers designing this project:

- 1) Is this design intended for expansion to a future cross section of four lanes;
- 2) What is the justification for the proposed design?

**SHA ISSUES AND QUESTIONS:** Mr. Lemieux and Mr. Johnson had questions they would like asked of the SHA District Engineer. Mr. Lemieux

would like a presentation/discussion about signal timing, and Mr. Johnson had not heard back from anyone on his questions about a bike actuator.

PEDESRIAN AND BICYCLE MASTER PLAN STATUS: Ms. Craze explained the status as it had been described to her. Mr. Chernikoff was working on a cover memo. Mr. Branyan and working on folding the comments and edits from Brian and George into one document. Ms. Fearer was working on edits to the matrix. Ms. Craze pointed out that while work on this plan was on-going, Ms. Fearer had assignments of greater priority, such as the SRTS plans and the sector plan, and that she may have less time in the next few weeks to work on the plan, than she might otherwise have.

THERE BEING NO ADDITIONAL BUSINESS, the meeting was adjourned at 9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Celia W. Craze  
Planning Director