



**ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING
Greenbelt Community Center
May 20, 2009
Minutes Prepared by Amy Hofstra**

Meeting was called to order at 7:39pm

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT WERE Sheldon Goldberg, Emmett Jordan, Brian Gibbons, Jim Cohen, Sandra Lange, and George Branyan.

CITY STAFF PRESENT WAS Amy Hofstra.

OTHER ATTENDEES present included Bill Orleans.

The agenda and the minutes of May 6th were approved without any changes.

The Board began the meeting by reviewing the agenda prepared by Jim Elliott for the May 27th public meeting. Mr. Branyan volunteered to give the introductions on behalf of the Board. The Board agreed that question number seven of the introduction be changed to "How many of you have particular concerns about accessibility for seniors or the disabled".

Ms. Hofstra explained how the meeting would be conducted, with participants rotating between tables. The Board wondered if it was appropriate to have a table dedicated to Universal Design. Mr. Branyan suggested that it was acceptable since some parts of Greenbelt were considered a Naturally Occurring Retirement Community. Mr. Jordan emphasized that the facilitator at the Universal Design table should define it for each new group at the table.

The Board then discussed what categories should be included for discussion at each table. In addition to those already identified by Jim Elliott in the agenda, the Board added the following categories, enforcement, education, wayfinding, safety, and amenities such as benches, lights, and bike racks.

The Board spent some time discussing the need for improved wayfinding in Greenbelt. Mr. Jordan suggested that signage could be added to the pavement. Mr. Cohen suggested that major bicycle routes to destination outside of the City be better publicized. Mr. Branyan suggested the Board look for cue sheets for such routes that might already be posted on user-generated websites such as mapmyride.com or bikely.com.

The Board then completed their discussion of the May 27th meeting. Mr. Cohen confirmed that the facilitators would not report on the top priorities of each group until the very end of the meeting, so as not to bias the opinions of different groups. He also asked that the Board remind participants that all of the information collected would be considered in the final plan, not just the priorities listed that evening.

Finally, Ms. Hofstra presented the Board with information regarding the Community Walk website. Mr. Cohen suggested that a copy of the directions for using Community Walk be provided at the library. Mr. Jordan asked that the public be assured that the website was easy to use. Mr. Jordan also suggested that the Board tell people what the next steps would be after the meeting ended. The Board agreed that they would make the report from Toole Design Group and a draft of the final Master Plan available to the public, and invite the public to attend an APB meeting to discuss the recommendations.

Mr. Branyan, Mr. Gibbons, and Mr. Jordan all agreed to attend the meeting on May 27th to help out. The Board adjourned at 8:50 pm.