

ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD APPROVED MINUTES OF MEETING Greenbelt Community Center November 18, 2009

Minutes Prepared by Amy Hofstra

Meeting was called to order at 7:45pm

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT WERE Sandy Lange, Brian Gibbons, Keith Chernikoff, Jim Cohen, and George Branyan.

CITY STAFF PRESENT WAS Amy Hofstra.

NO OTHER ATTENDEES were present.

The minutes of October 21, 2009 were approved with no modifications. The Board reviewed the memorandum provided by Toole Design Group. Several typos or corrections were discovered. Mr. Branyan pointed out that the bicycle ramps shown on page 65 were not angled as described in the test. There were also questions about some of the recommendations. This included a clarification of the pedestrian-only promenade at Greenbelt Station and the type of paved surface being recommended by Toole at the Greenbelt Lake Trail. Several Board members also felt that the recommendation to pave the Greenbelt Lake Trail would not be appealing to many City residents. There were a few items the Board felt were missing from the memorandum. One item not mentioned was the need to improve pedestrian access through the Greenway parking lot, parallel to the Safeway.

The Board then discussed the next steps. Mr. Cohen suggested that the Board use public feedback to prioritize key improvements. He also suggested that some influential citizens, such as Mr. Gasper, be invited to assist with the preparation of the final report to Council. Mr. Chernikoff suggested the Board review the outline that was prepared last year. Ms. Lange suggested that the final report have a table of contents and an executive summary. Mr. Cohen suggested that the public be allowed to review and comment on the final report before sending it to the City Council.

Ms. Hofstra agreed to send all Board members a copy of the report outline prepared last year. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.