



**ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD
APPROVED MINUTES OF MEETING
Greenbelt Community Center
October 21, 2009
Minutes Prepared by Amy Hofstra**

Meeting was called to order at 7:40pm

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT WERE Emmett Jordan, Sandy Lange, Brian Gibbons, and George Branyan.

CITY STAFF PRESENT WAS Amy Hofstra.

OTHER ATTENDEES present included Derek Thompson and Bill Orleans.

The Board devoted this meeting to a review of the three concept plans submitted by Toole Design Group. The first plan considered was Southway. First, a correction was required to show a sidewalk on the east side of Southway between Greenbelt Road and the Parkway entrance. The Board also discussed the possibility of formalizing the footpath that cuts this corner through the grassy area. Mr. Branyan felt that a roundabout might have been considered at the intersection of Southway and the entrance to the Parkway. Several Board members liked the internal path crossings at mid-block and the curb extensions at Southway and Ridge. Mr. Branyan suggested larger medians as well to make better pedestrian refuge islands. Many Board members were disappointed that the plan did not include recommendations for crossing Greenbelt Road or for improving cycling. Mr. Jordan suggested sharrows on Southway. Mr. Gibbons like the revised geometry of the vehicle turn lanes, though he wondered if it gave vehicles sufficient time to accelerate to speed.

The next location discussed was Hanover Parkway. Mr. Branyan was concerned that there was insufficient capacity on Hanover to afford the loss of one travel lane. Though Mr. Branyan liked the suggestions of the sharrows, bike lanes, and advanced stop bar. Mr. Jordan suggested that the sidewalk on Greenbelt Road be modified to create a sidepath that could accommodate cyclists too. Several Board members felt that some sort of mid-block crossing for pedestrians was required on Hanover, between Greenbelt Road and Ora Glen Drive. Mr. Thompson pointed out that there is only one pedestrian signal at the intersection of Ora Glen Drive and Hanover Parkway.

Cherrywood Lane was the last location to be discussed. The Board had hoped that something other than a stop light could have been suggested. The Board suggested that moving the bus shelter closer to the intersection at the Giant might remedy some of the

problems in the area. Mr. Gibbons pointed out that many residents of Empirian Village get off at this stop and then back-track to their apartments because there is no bus stop at Breezewood Drive. Mr. Gibbons suggested adding a sidewalk along Cherrywood Lane between Greenbelt Road and the intersection at the Giant. The Board felt that sharrows along Cherrywood between Breezewood and Greenbelt Road would be beneficial to cyclists.

The minutes of September 16th were approved with one modification. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.