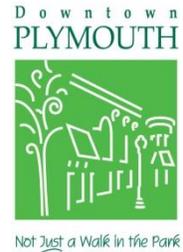


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Plymouth City Hall Commission Chambers
201 S. Main Plymouth, MI 48170
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Meeting called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Chairperson Adam Covington.

1. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Adam Covington, Chairperson
Kerri Pollard, Vice Chairperson
Ellen Elliott
Maura Hynes
Dan Johnson
Patrick O'Neill
Brent Rieli

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Oliver Wolcott, Mayor
Daniel Farmer
Scott Foess

OTHERS PRESENT:

Suzi Deal, City Commissioner
Paul Sincock, City Manager
Karen Sisolak, Planning Commission Chair
Tony Bruscatto, DDA Executive Director
Sam Plymale, DDA Coordinator

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2. CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Owner of Frame Works Cindy Eckley said she is hosing an Open House for her new gallery on Saturday, March 14. Eckley said the new gallery will feature local artists.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

A motion was made by Director Elliott and seconded by Director Johnson to approve the 3-9-2020 Regular Meeting Agenda.

MOTION PASSED 6-0.

4. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

A motion was made by Director Rieli and seconded by Director Johnson to approve the 2-10-2020 Regular Meeting Minutes.

MOTION PASSED 6-0.

5. BOARD COMMENTS:

Director Elliott thanked Chairman Covington and Executive Director Bruscato for the improvements in communications between City staff and the DDA Board. Elliott said it would be helpful if other City boards and commissions received the City Commission updates as well.

6. OLD BUSINESS

A. Strategic Plan Update

Executive Director Bruscato gave an update on the DDA Strategic Plan.

Vice Chair Pollard asked that staff provide regular updates via email and social media on work relating to the Kellogg Park Fountain once the project is underway.

B. DDA Master Plan

Resident Jeff Sisolak said he supports the road diet proposal but would like to see a more comprehensive bike lane plan.

Plymouth District Library Director Carol Souchock said she has concerns if the proposed plans would impact the quantity of parking spots downtown.

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Resident Lee Jacinski said he supports the addition of bike lanes in the City.

Director O'Neill asked how the renderings fit into the bigger bike lane plan? O'Neill said we should keep the traditional angled parking on Penniman and not switch to back-in parking, and crosswalks need to be identified with some type of lighting. O'Neill said it's difficult to make decisions on some of these items without more details of a comprehensive plan.

Director Johnson said back-in parking would increase parking difficulty. Johnson said he needs information from traffic study to help his decision on the road diet and a traffic study should include Harvey. Johnson offered a second option for road diet that would have on-street parking spaces instead of bike lanes on Main Street. Johnson asked if specific projects would be itemized in a budget.

Director Elliott said according to a current tally of citizen comments, there are more negative comments on the road diet than positive comments and comments on bike lanes are mixed. Elliott said there are only negative comments on back-in parking. Elliott said she liked Director Johnson's idea about parking spots vs. bike lanes, but said more information from studies is needed before decisions can be made. Elliott said she liked the barrier free aspect but had concerns about bollards vs. curb as it relates to the woonerf. Elliott said she had concerns about the grading of a woonerf and potential flooding issues.

Vice Chair Pollard said adding a left-hand turn lane would make turning easier on Main between Wing and Ann Arbor Tr. And she believes areas south of Wing need to be addressed first. Pollard said adding on street parking on Main is worth looking at, but she would prefer adding bike lanes. Pollard said bike lanes are more necessary on Main Street than in neighborhoods because of the ordinance that restrict riding bikes on sidewalks in the DDA district. Pollard said she likes the woonerf, and it has huge potential.

Director Hynes said she does not support bike lanes on Main Street. Hynes said she would potentially support bike lanes on other streets, potentially Harvey. Hynes said Main Street is too dangerous for bikes.

Director Rieli said he would rather see bike lanes on Harvey. Rieli said he needs to see the full plan for bike lanes to make a more educated decision. Rieli said back-in parking seems like a great idea because of the safety features, but people seem afraid of it because it's something new and different.

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Chairman Covington said he is pleased with the options Wade Trim has given us during this first step. Covington said as we continue to flush this out, he would ask this board and other decision makers in the City how progressive do we want to be? Covington said we have an opportunity to stay ahead of the curve or stay where we are and potentially get left behind. Covington said we need to make sure we are setting up Downtown Plymouth to be in a good place in the future. Covington said he likes the idea of back-in parking, although it seems most are against it and it's okay to take some risks on things that are low-risk. Covington said we need traffic study information to help guide our decision making and we need to figure out how any decision will impact parking.

City Manager Sincock said the City Commission would take DDA Board recommendations in their larger non-motorized plan.

7. NEW BUSINESS – NONE
8. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE
 - A. Saxton's Expenditure Report

Executive Director Bruscato gave an update on expenditures at the Saxton's property.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Director O'Neill made a motion seconded by Director Johnson to adjourn the DDA Regular Meeting.

MOTION PASSED 6-0

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.