



Plymouth Downtown Development Authority

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 14, 2020 - 7:00 p.m.

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Online Zoom Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kerri Pollard called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

Present: Mayor Oliver Wolcott, Chair Pollard, Members Ellen Elliott, Daniel Farmer, Scott Foess, Maura Hynes, Dan Johnson, and Andre Martinelli, Patrick O'Neill and Brent Rieli

Also present: DDA Director Tony Bruscato, DDA Coordinator Sam Plymale

2. CITIZENS COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Foess offered a motion, seconded by Burrows, to approve the agenda. There was a roll call vote.

Yes: Elliott, Farmer, Foess, Hynes, Johnson, Martinelli, O'Neill, Pollard, Rieli and Wolcott

MOTION PASSED 10-0

4. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES

Wolcott offered a motion, seconded by Johnson, to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2020 meeting. There was a roll call vote.

Yes: Elliott, Farmer, Foess, Hynes, Johnson, Martinelli, O'Neill, Pollard, Rieli and Wolcott

MOTION PASSED 10-0

5. BOARD COMMENTS

Elliott thanked downtown businesses for supporting each other. She asked that planters at Penniman and Main not be so tall as to obstruct views next summer. Wolcott said there would be a meeting on September 17 at 3:00 outside City Hall to brainstorm ideas for getting businesses through the winter months with limited outdoor options. Pollard congratulated the DDA for a second successful live-stream concert. She acknowledged that ending the August meeting abruptly when the quorum was lost seemed awkward, but, in consultation with the City attorney, she confirmed it was the proper procedure.

6. OLD BUSINESS

a. Strategic Plan Update

Bruscato reported that striping for the road diet on Main St. from Ann Arbor Trail to Ann Arbor Rd. was underway. He said he expects all trees on both sides of Penniman to be lighted this year.

b. Kellogg Park Master Plan Resolution

Elliot offered the following resolution, which was seconded by Foess.

WHEREAS The Downtown Development Authority Board of Directors desires to keep Kellogg Park the crown jewel of Downtown Plymouth; and

WHEREAS The DDA Board hired City Engineer Wade Trim of Taylor, MI, in December 2019 to develop a Kellogg Park Master Plan; and

WHEREAS Wade Trim presented to the DDA Board at the August 2020 meeting its final report with various concepts for Kellogg Park; and

WHEREAS The DDA Board rejects option two so the final plan will reflect what the Board has approved.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Plymouth Downtown Development Authority Board of Directors accepts the report from Wade Trim, and acknowledges that it supports and accepts what is labeled Option 1, which is considered the plan with the most popular public opinions for Kellogg Park improvements based on past feedback.

Board Comments

Board members expressed both positive opinions of the plan and ideas for revision. It was agreed that specific items would be discussed at the next strategic plan meeting.

Citizen Comments

Dave Rucinski, 1392 Maple, said he believes adding a walkway would destroy the overall appearance of the park.

Martha Walton, 1465 Palmer, also said she would not be in favor of an additional walkway.

Denise Burrows, 1014 Dewey , concurred with the two previous speakers.

There was a roll call vote.

Yes: Farmer, Foess, Hynes, Johnson, Martinelli, O'Neill, Pollard, Rieli and Wolcott, and Rieli

MOTION PASSED 10-0

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. DDA Master Plan Final Report

Scot Lautzenheiser of Wade Trim presented a final version of the DDA Master Plan.

Board Comments

Elliott expressed disappointment that back-in angle parking was still in the plan, since surveys showed residents didn't want it. Other board members said they felt its inclusion was appropriate as an idea that could be discussed at future strategic planning sessions. The possibility of a pilot program was discussed as a way to determine the public's satisfaction after trying it.

Citizen Comments

Dave Rucinski, 1392 Maple, said back-in angle parking seems to be addressing a safety issue that doesn't exist.

Pete Mundt, 643 N. Harvey, asked for a time limit on any pilot program.

Karen Patrosso, 1456 W. Ann Arbor Trail, said she did not want back-in angle parking in the City.

8. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Bruscato said the next meeting would likely be online via Zoom.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Wolcott offered a motion, seconded by O'Neill, to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m. There was a roll call vote.

Yes: Elliott, Farmer, Foess, Hynes, Johnson, Martinelli, O'Neill, Pollard, Rieli and Wolcott

MOTION PASSED 10-0