# Plymouth Growth & Development Corporation | BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING MINUTES June 3, 2008

Members Present: Leighton Price, Christine Pratt, Jeff Fischer, Patrice Hatcher, Bill Hallisey, Charlie Bletzer & Alan Zanotti.

#### **Absent:**

# 5:00 p.m. Meeting called to order by Leighton Price & Public comment.

### **Public Comment --**

1. Jay Kimball, owner of Wood's Seafood's, pointed out that officers ticketed cars yesterday without informing Woods, or having a plan in place, in the area where Paul Quintal had previously requested two parking spaces near Wood's dumpster be changed to a drop off zone. He asks the Board to take no action on ticketing in that area until he can work out a parking plan with the DPW to change the requested spaces into drop off zones for better pedestrian access.

# 5:20 p.m. Use of spaces for special events --

 Plymouth Garden Club requests some spaces on North Street blocked off so volunteer judges can come in June 19-22<sup>nd</sup> to judge at the flower show at the Community Art Center from 11:30 am 3:15 pm. Mr. Price feels they should be directed to the parking lot across the street.

Mr. Fischer motions to inform them to use the paid parking spaces and Mr. Hallisey seconds.

Passed | 7-0-0

2. The Board has not heard from anyone regarding parking needs for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade yet. Ms. Pratt suggests this be one of the days enforcement be waived because there is no enforcement coverage in Park Plymouth. Mr. Zanotti recommends issuing a press release to alert the public of the waived parking. The Board thinks doing that will create an overflow of long term parking and decides against it.

## 5:17 p.m. Park Plymouth Operations –

Repainting of parking spaces was completed, except for the Middle Street lot, on Monday, June 2.

Police Academy had graduation Saturday and half of the Memorial Hall lot cars did not pay to park. Mr. Ruggerio received a call from the Officer who organized graduation, and he apologized for not getting in touch with Park Plymouth first. The Police Department now understands they need to make requests for waived parking before their events.

Park Plymouth office computers have serious viruses. Mr. Price told Mr. Ruggerio to not go online for email until it is fixed. Clancy computer seems to be okay. Mr. Ruggerio will correct the problem via anti-virus and creating backups of info first.

Credit card payments for May have been successful. To date, \$560.00 has been collected.

Mr. Ruggerio is still working on purchasing "no parking" bags. He will need to complete this task ASAP; the Farmer's Market is right around the corner.

Modifications for the signs at the entrance to pay and display lots have been drafted. Mr. Ruggerio will order vinyl stickers from Sign a Rama that will overlay on the current signs.

There are several open spaces near the eastern end of North Street and Mr. Price wonders why there are no meters there. Mr. Ruggerio will look at the parking inventory in that area and any associated meter needs.

Chilton Street parking needs to be addressed and the Board talks about leaving the posts in place and hanging two hour signs there instead.

Spaces in front of the old Courthouse have several signs for reserved parking, however PGDC does not have jurisdiction over this parking area.

Mr. Price spoke to Pat O'Brien about the taxi cab stands and notifies the Board that Mr. Hanks is working with the Town on signage needs.

Lights on the North Street lot are almost always on, even during the day, except one that is almost burned out. Mr. Ruggerio will look into a fix.

# 5:56 p.m. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

April 8, 2008 -

Ms. Pratt motions to accept the April 8, 2008 minutes with corrections as discussed and Mr. Bletzer seconds. Passed | 6-0-1

## 6:10 p.m. Mr. Hallisey excuses himself from the meeting.

Minutes Cont'd

Ms. Pratt motions to accept the minutes with corrections and Mr. Zanotti seconds.

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Passed | 4-0-2

# April 22 and April 29, 2008 -

The Board will have to hold off on approval of these minutes until the backup of April's audio can be referenced by Ms. McDonough. Ms. Hatcher will talk privately with Mr. Price about providing the backup audio and would rather discuss her thoughts on the Secretary and his duties when he is present. The topic will be placed on the agenda in the future. Ms. Pratt wants to go on record with Ms. Hatcher that she feels the detail and flow included in the minutes, and consistency of the content in the PGDC meeting records, has been excellent.

## 6:33 p.m. Park Plymouth Operations continued.

All signs in North Plymouth are wrong and need to be corrected.

Mr. Fischer motions to update signs in North Plymouth to conform to the ones downtown and Ms. Pratt seconds for discussion.

Ms. Pratt thinks the Board should wait until signage has been addressed in total, before incurring the cost for replacement.

Failed | 0-6-0

Spaces where Mr. Ruggerio painted over the white lines on North Street need to be repainted a darker shade of black.

Ms. Hatcher motions to place meters in the open spaces on North Street and hang signs for two hour time zones on Chilton Street and Ms. Pratt seconds.

Passed | 6-0-0

Ms. Pratt will check into the 1954 regulations and draft correct parking and ticketing procedures for motorcycles, then draft a policy that can be given to ticket officers, the Police Department and public.

#### 6:50 p.m. Bills and other financial matters that require Board approval –

No bills to be presented at this time.

Ms. Pratt distributed to the Board for review a draft of April's financial information and a comparative analysis for last year's expenses vs. this year and the amnesty program. She invites them to email any questions to her for discussion at the next meeting.

Ms. Pratt received suggestions from Town Hall's Human Resources department to find an appropriate Hearing's Officer. Mr. David Friend will act as the interim Officer at the next scheduled hearing date, June 18, 2008.

Mr. Bletzer motions to appoint Mr. Friend as temporary ticket Hearing Officer and Mr. Fischer seconds. Topic opened for discussion.

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Mr. Zanotti suggests asking Mr. Friend if he wants to meet with Mr. Ruggerio to acclimate himself with protocol and laws. Ms. Pratt will leave it to Mr. Friend's discretion.

Passed | 6-0-0.

**6:40 p.m.** Mr. Bletzer motions to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Zanotti seconds. Motion passed unanimously.

Next meeting will be held Tuesday, June 10, 2008 in the Town Hall Plantation Room.

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