# Plymouth Growth & Development Corporation | BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING MINUTES June 10, 2008

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

### 5:00 p.m. Call to Order & Public Comment.

Public Comment --

None.

## 5:01 p.m. Use of Spaces for Special Events --

- 1. No requests for Fourth of July Parade yet.
- Factory Five Racing's event will take place this Saturday, June 14, 2008. They would like 75-100 spaces in the Downtown / Waterfront area blocked off, from the East Bay lot and Cherry's Bait and Tackle, from Noon until 6pm. They will pay for a full day of parking in those slots (\$500.00). Mr. Ruggerio will arrange for the area to be blocked off.

Ms. Hatcher motions to reserve Factory Five's requested spaces and charge them for a full day of parking and Ms. Pratt seconds for discussion.

Passed | 7-0-0

### 5:12 p.m. Park Plymouth Operations –

- 1. Refreshing parking spaces is complete. Final cost came in at \$1600.00 and has lessened public confusion about parking rules in the East Bay lot.
- 3. High School graduation parking went off without a hitch.
- 4. Special Town Meeting went fine too because of low attendance.
- 5. No striping at Wood's yet.
- 6. Park Plymouth computers had a software upgrade and so far it's working. Just waiting to see if upgrade is authorized on the Clancy's system.
- 7. The Board revisits 2 hour parking signs on Chilton Street. Since the Board voted on a solution at a former meeting, they must vote to dissolve the last vote and adopt another.

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Ms. Pratt motions to reverse the decision initially taken by the Board and give more consideration for meters versus signage, effective June 4, 2008, on Chilton Street. Mr. Zanotti seconds for a logistics discussion.

Mr. Ruggerio will mail notices to the residents of Chilton Street alerting them that after Board consideration, changes will be made to parking rules in that area. Park Plymouth will take out the four and two hour time limit signs. **Passed 7-0-0** 

Mr. Zanotti asks if Mr. Ruggerio can provide documentation and an inventory report of how many meters were purchased and what is in stock.

8. Park Plymouth van has a problem with the gas gauge and needs repair. Repair costs are \$400.00 for an electronic bypass "quick fix" or \$800.00 to replace the tank and unit correctly.

Ms. Pratt motions to fix the van correctly as long as the cost does not exceed \$1,000.00 and Mr. Zanotti seconds. **Passed 7-0-0** 

9. In lieu of meter head bags, and to help direct traffic at the Farmer's Market, the Board discusses how many sandwich boards should be purchased. Mr. Bletzer states that as a courtesy, merchants should be notified when they are losing spots because parking in their area is blocked off. Sandwich boards should be placed at the corner of Court and Russell Streets, the top of Russell and Allerton Streets, at the probate court and the Russell Street lot itself. Cost is \$250.00 each.

Mr. Bletzer motions to purchase four sandwich boards and Mr. Zanotti seconds.

Passed | 6-0-1

10. Mr. Ruggerio points out to Mr. Price that Park Plymouth staff reviews are coming up.

# 5:50 p.m. Bills and Other Financial Matters That Require Board Approval –

No bills to present this week.

### Other Financial Business -

Ms. Pratt addresses financial questions she received in emails from Ms. Hatcher and Mr. Fischer. She states that all financial questions directed to her will be researched thoroughly then answered at the next Board meeting. All financials will be marked "draft" until approved by the Board and the town and Finance committee will be added to the distribution list. She will provide Mr. Fischer with a financial report for January through March, 2008.

Mr. Hallisey and Zanotti suggest presenting financial reports each quarter instead of monthly and having the bookkeeper present so she can address any questions.

Ms. Pratt sent an ad for a part time Hearing's Officer to Lisa Conroy. She will post it on the Town Hall bulletin board and the website. Mr. David Friend will serve as the interim Hearing Officer until the Board hires someone.

Mr. Sylvia told Mr. Price that plans are in the works with DPW to set a more routine schedule in removing the graffiti downtown. This will lessen the PGDC's burden to solve this problem; however PGDC might still be able to help. Barnstable has a successful graffiti removal program, in partnership with the Sheriff's department. Perhaps PGDC could draw examples from that.

#### **Ideas About Parking Solutions –**

Ms. Hatcher was not prepared to speak this evening.

#### Bike Rack Proposal –

Ms. Pratt shares with the Board a proposal to introduce bike racks in the Downtown, Waterfront and North Plymouth areas. There are six styles of racks (54 racks total) selected and they fall in line with the Town's master plan. One rack would eliminate a parking spot in the Depot Square Park. Grand total is \$33,0000.00, as quoted by Street Scapes. Old Colony Planning Council is planning a reimbursement program sometime between 2009 and 2012 and Ms. Pratt asked if they might consider presenting the proposal to the State for approval of financial reimbursement of the racks.

Mrs. Pratt motions to release the proposal to the Old Colony Planning Council for further discussions at the State level and Mr. Bletzer seconds.

Motion passed unanimously.

### 7:00 p.m. Ms. Hatcher motions to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Hallisey seconds. Motion passed unanimously.

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

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