Plymouth Growth & Development Corporation

BOARD OF DIRECTOR PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES August 24, 2011

Members Present: Leighton Price, Alan Zanotti, Christine Pratt, Charlie Bletzer & Bill Driscoll **Absent**: Dick Quintal & Donna Fernandes

7:00 pm Public Comment—

There is no public comment at this time.

7:00 pm Discussion with PRA and 1820 Courthouse Consortium Representatives—

Laura Schaeffer, Executive Director of the Plymouth Redevelopment Authority, is present to request PGDC write a letter to HUD stating PGDC is participating in the Master Planning process of the Courthouse Corridor. If awarded, this grant will allow PRA to complete a Master Plan for mixed-use development in the corridor, with a heavy emphasis on affordable housing. The Board is uncomfortable with the HUD grant language and the progress PRA has made for the 1820 Courthouse project, and prefers to write a letter that only outlines a statement of fact. They also want to develop a Memorandum of Understanding with PRA that outlines procedural responsibilities concerning the development of the corridor. PGDC does not want to prevent PRA from applying for the grant, and agree to modify a rough draft version of a support letter that Larry Rosenblum had emailed to Mr. Price.

Mr. Zanotti motions and Mr. Driscoll seconds to provide a letter stating:

"The courthouse is very important to the town's economic development. The PGDC is involved in a federally funded study to identify a preferred site for an intermodal transportation facility in the downtown, and is looking to locate additional public parking. The Courthouse is one of the sites under consideration for one or both, with a goal of preserving the Courthouse itself. The PGDC has been working very closely with the PRA and their consultants to evaluate the suitability of the Courthouse property for these purposes. PGDC will be pursuing design funding immediately following."

Passed | 4-1-0

Ms. Pratt is not in favor

The Board asks Ms. Schaeffer to tell the PRA there needs to be a meeting between Boards so the two can develop a Memorandum of Understanding for the corridor.

8:17 pm Financial Information—

Lisa L. SantosAccounting Services
Invoice # 836

\$775.00

	Accounting Services Invoice # 817	\$675.00	
Mr. Driscoll motions and Mr		Mr. Bletzer seconds to approve the bills	Passed 5-0-0
8:20 pm	Temporarily adjourn the Public Meeting to go into Executive Session under the provisions of MGL, Ch 39, 23A-24		
	Roll call vote—		
	Mr. Zanotti	—Yes	
	Mr. Price	—Yes	
	Mr. Bletzer	—Yes	
	Ms. Pratt	—Yes	
	Mr. Driscoll	—Yes	
9: 20 pm	Ms. Pratt motions and M	r. Driscoll seconds to adjourn Public Session	Passed 5-0-0
	Respectfully submitted by PGDC Secretary Mr. Alan P. Zanotti –		
Signed:		Date:	

Alan P. Zanotti, Secretary