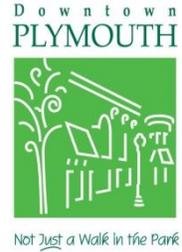


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CITY OF PLYMOUTH
DDA PARKING COMMITTEE

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Meeting called to order at 5:00 p.m. by DDA Chairman Jason Smith.

1. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jason Smith, DDA Chairman
Kerri Pollard, DDA Vice Chair
Oliver Wolcott, Mayor
Ellen Elliott
Mark Evenson
Wes Graff
Dan Johnson
Bob Ostendorf
John Thomson

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Frank Yaquinto

OTHERS PRESENT:

Tony Bruscato, DDA Director
Sam Plymale, DDA Coordinator

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2. OLD BUSINESS

a. Paid Parking update

Mayor Wolcott said any recommendation on paid parking by this subcommittee would have to go before the DDA Board and the City Commission prior to any action.

Dean Rovinelli, owner of Barrio, asked if there is a parking master plan.

DDA Staff Director Bruscato said the DDA Board is scheduled to hold its strategic planning session on Thursday, February 8.

Carol Souchock, Plymouth District Library, said she understands the fiscal concerns related to the potential of paid parking, but doesn't understand other justifications.

DDA Chairman Smith said there is a need to add revenue to maintain current parking lots and add to the inventory and the DDA must explore all options.

Subcommittee member Elliott said she is in favor of the special assessment option ahead of the paid parking option to fund a rebuild of the Central Parking Deck. Elliott said paid parking would not address the immediate need for more convenient parking and will increase parking frustrations of visitors. Elliot said the subcommittee needs to work with other city boards and commissions to find a solution.

Subcommittee member Johnson said other governmental monies should be explored and that the long term vision of parking needs to be defined.

DDA Vice Chair Pollard said that a revenue source is needed to increase inventory.

Jim Jabara, former City of Plymouth Mayor, said businesses should pay for additional parking, not visitors, as businesses are the entities that feel there is a true parking shortage.

Patrick Kehoe, resident, suggested that the upper level of the Central Parking Deck should have a 3 hour limit to move employees to outer lots.

Subcommittee member Ostendorf said the city hasn't optimized the current parking footprint. Ostendorf said it should be a goal of the committee to come to a common purpose and vision.

DDA Director Smith said the committee should establish a vision before deciding how

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to pay for that vision.

Subcommittee member Graff said that a special assessment seems like a better option for most businesses, but the overall vision should include input from all city boards.

Subcommittee member Ostendorf made a motion to establish a vision to address the downtown Plymouth parking problem. The motion was seconded by Subcommittee member Elliott.

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Mayor Wolcott said that it is important that this subcommittee meet monthly until the vision to address the parking problem is established.

Mayor Wolcott made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Subcommittee member Ostendorf.

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Meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.