



**CITY OF PLYMOUTH  
MEETING MINUTES**

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CITY COMMISSION MEETING  
MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2016, 7:00 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Daniel Dwyer, Mayor Pro-Tem Oliver Wolcott, Commissioners Colleen Pobur Daniel Dalton, Suzanne Deal, Joseph Valenti

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Mike Wright

**CITIZEN COMMENTS:**

Mark Oppat, 353 Blanch, introduced himself to the new City Commissioners and informed them he is very involved with the Old Village Development Authority and if they have any questions to please contact him. He spoke about the lighting in the Old Village area and feels they are still pretty bright and asked to have them looked at again and would prefer if they looked more historical for that area. He has looked at the Commissioners goals for 2016 and the one regarding public art, he is very much in favor of and feels that Old Village would be a perfect place for an art project. He was disappointed that the Quiet Zones were not a goal so there could be more dialogue and figure out a way to do this project for the community. He feels that one project the Commission might consider would be developing a nice access point at Plymouth Road and Heinz Park area. He is sure the apartment residents in that area would really appreciate something being done.

A resident spoke about the Saxton property project and questioned who represents the neighborhood association and how can residents get involved with development of that property. Mayor Daniel Dwyer informed the resident that if he would attend the Downtown Development meetings he would be able to be informed and express his views. This is a DDA project at this point.

Mark Malcolm, 1364 Maple, provided some input for consideration concerning the PARC. He wanted everyone to be aware that the School District is not involved whatsoever and this property will not go for green space. He suggested that the City of Plymouth should be looking at a viable piece of property for development on Ann Arbor Trail and Penniman, the Wilcox Property. He feels it would benefit the community to have the City develop the property and not just sit there.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

3. A motion was made by Commissioner Colleen Pobur and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Oliver Wolcott for approval of the agenda for Monday, January 4, 2015.

**MOTION PASSED**

**2016 GOAL SETTING:**

Mayor Daniel Dwyer spoke about the Goal Setting process for 2016 and that all of the Commissioners were given the opportunity to provide a goal and if they wish to add additional ones at this time, they can do so. Commissioner Mike Wright is excused absent and will be voting his choices at the next regular meeting. There will be no final vote until Commissioner Wright has voted his top five. He stated that every Commissioner was provided five stickers to place on the goal of their choice for 2016.

Jim Frisbie, 801 Harding, asked the Commissioners to consider stepping back with the Saxton's project and see if there is a real need for parking. Maybe there might be another alternative or way to deal with the issue.

The results were as follows:

Votes 2016 GOALS

- 6 Resolve Last Issues Regarding Dissolution of Plymouth Community Fire Department Agreement (Primarily Pension Issues)  
Mayor Dwyer, Mayor Pro-Tem Wolcott, Commissioner Dalton, Commission Pobur, Commissioner Deal, Commissioner Valenti
- 5 Developing a succession plan for the city's key employees, especially considering the long tenures of many of our senior staff.  
Mayor Pro-Tem Wolcott, Commissioner Dalton, Commissioner Pobur, Commissioner Deal, Commissioner Valenti
- 5 Work Collaboratively with Plymouth Arts & Recreation Complex (PARC) organization, the Plymouth Canton School Board, and the greater Plymouth Community to continue the repurposing of Central Middle School into a high quality Arts & Recreation Complex.  
Mayor Dwyer, Mayor Pro-Tem Wolcott, Commissioner Dalton, Commissioner Pobur, Commissioner Valenti
- 3 Develop funding plan for future capital improvements  
Mayor Pro-Tem Wolcott, Commissioner Dalton, Commissioner Pobur
- 3 A thorough examination and updating of our code of ordinances. The aim would be to eliminate antiquated or unnecessary language and to bring the ordinances in line with our overall vision.  
Mayor Dwyer, Commissioner Pobur, Commissioner Deal
- 3 Work collaboratively with the DDA, community leaders, and other organizations to plan for Plymouth's 150th Birthday in 2017. This includes obtaining funding for new Kellogg Park Fountain and Kellogg Park upgrades.  
Mayor Dwyer, Mayor Pro-Tem Wolcott, Commissioner Valenti
- 3 Public Art – create a Public Arts Commission in collaboration with the Planning Commission, the PARC, the DDA and the Chamber of Commerce with the purpose of including public art in public projects and codify the plan in the Master Plan.  
Mayor Dwyer, Commissioner Dalton, Commissioner Deal
- 1 Continue to work collaboratively with the DDA, Planning Commission and Historic District Commission to develop the Saxton's property for parking in the short and medium-term, with an eye toward developing the site in the long-term.  
Commissioner Valenti
- 1 Work collaboratively with DDA, and Old Village on opportunities to engage and integrate the neighborhoods and businesses of Old Village into our many festivals and activities downtown throughout the year.  
Commissioner Deal

Mayor Dwyer reminded the Commissioners that Commissioner Wright would be voting his five choices at the next regular Commissioner meeting and the ranking of the 2016 Goals would be changing. No final vote of these goals will be taken until Commissioner Wright has had the chance to cast his vote for his choices.

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE: None

ADJOURNMENT:

6. Hearing no further business, a motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Oliver Wolcott and seconded by Commissioner Suzie Deal for adjournment of the meeting at 8:04 p.m.

MOTION PASSED