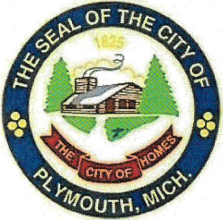


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The meeting will be a live broadcast on the City's Facebook page and will be available for viewing on the City's website at a later date.

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER**
 - a) Roll Call

- 2) **PRESENTATION ON PARKLETS**

- 3) **ADJOURNMENT**

Persons with disabilities needing assistance with this should contact the City Clerk's office at 734-453-1234 Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m., at least 24 hours prior to the meeting. An attempt will be made to make reasonable accommodations.

City of Plymouth Strategic Plan 2022-2026

GOAL AREA ONE - SUSTAINABLE INFRASTRUCTURE

OBJECTIVES

1. Identify and establish sustainable financial model(s) for major capital projects, Old Village business district, 35th District Court, recreation department, and public safety
2. Incorporate eco-friendly, sustainable practices into city assets, services, and policies; including more environmentally friendly surfaces, reduced impervious surfaces, expanded recycling and composting services, prioritizing native and pollinator-friendly plants, encouraging rain gardens, and growing a mature tree canopy
3. Partner with or become members of additional environmentally aware organizations
4. Increase technology infrastructure into city assets, services, and policies
5. Continue sustainable infrastructure improvement for utilities, facilities, and fleet
6. Address changing vehicular habits, including paid parking system /parking deck replacement plan, electric vehicle (EV) charging stations, and one-way street options

GOAL AREA TWO – STAFF DEVELOPMENT, TRAINING, AND SUCCESSION

OBJECTIVES

1. Create a 5-year staffing projection
2. Review current recruitment strategies and identify additional resources
3. Identify/establish flex scheduling positions and procedures
4. Develop a plan for an internship program
5. Review potential department collaborations
6. Hire an additional recreation professional
7. Review current diversity, equity, and inclusion training opportunities
8. Seek out training opportunities for serving diverse communities

GOAL AREA THREE - COMMUNITY CONNECTIVITY

OBJECTIVES

1. Engage in partnerships with public, private and non-profit entities
2. Increase residential/business education programs for active citizen engagement
3. Robust diversity, equity, and inclusion programs
4. Actively participate with multi-governmental lobbies (Michigan Municipal League, Conference of Western Wayne, etc.)

GOAL AREA FOUR - ATTRACTIVE, LIVABLE COMMUNITY

OBJECTIVES

1. Create vibrant commercial districts by seeking appropriate mixed-use development, marketing transitional properties, and implementing Redevelopment Ready Communities (RRC) practices
2. Improve existing and pursue additional recreational and public green space opportunities and facilities for all ages
3. Develop multi-modal transportation plan which prioritizes pedestrian and biker safety
4. Improve link between Hines Park, Old Village, Downtown Plymouth, Plymouth Township, and other regional destinations
5. Maintain safe, well-lit neighborhoods with diverse housing stock that maximizes resident livability and satisfaction
6. Modernize and update zoning ordinance to reflect community vision
7. Implement Kellogg Park master plan



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To: Mayor & City Commission
From: Paul J. Sincock, City Manager
CC: S:\Manager\Sincock Files\Memorandum - Parklets Joint Meeting 02-15-22.docx
Date: February 10, 2022
RE: Special Meeting Parklet Discussion

Background

There has been significant discussion related to the continued use of some parking spaces for outdoor dining and other uses during the various seasons. The concept that has been discussed is called a "Parklet" and this was initially discussed in general comments by Wade Trim in the DDA Master Planning sessions last year. We have asked Wade Trim to provide us some more detail on the Parklet concept. These are only concepts at this time the locations can be moved, changed, or dropped. By developing the Parklet concept this would remove the "temporary" look of the extended patio and provide an overall image improvement to the entire downtown or Old Village area.

On the matter of using on-street parking spaces to develop parklets you will recall that the City requested that Eastern Michigan University complete a statistically valid survey of City residents in November of 2021. That survey had some interesting results related parking and the use of parking spaces for additional restaurant seating. Our City Residents responded to the following questions on parking availability and using spaces for dining areas.

How Satisfied are you with the amount of parking in the City?

- *Very Dissatisfied* 4.7%
- *Dissatisfied* 15.7%
- *Neither* 26.3%
- *Satisfied* 36.4%
- *Very Satisfied* 16.9%

How Satisfied are you with the location of parking in the City?

- *Very Dissatisfied* 3.8%
- *Dissatisfied* 8.9%
- *Neither* 20.8%
- *Satisfied* 44.1%
- *Very Satisfied* 22.5%

How important is parking in your consideration of whether to visit downtown?

- *Unimportant* 41.9%
- *Somewhat important* 29.7%
- *Very important* 28.4%

Should the City continue to allow public parking spaces to be used by restaurants as outdoor dining areas?

- *No* 16.6%
- *Yes* 83.4%

Again, the drawings that we are showing you tonight are only concepts only and we developed three different concepts to allow you to get the “flavor” of what a Parklet would look like in either the Downtown or Old Village Area. The three example concepts are showing:

- A full block length Parklet
- An Angled Parking Parklet
- A Parallel Parking Parklet

Again, these concepts could be moved to any location in town. There has been no design work completed or cost estimates put together as the City Commission would need to authorize that work to proceed. There are a number of variables that would go into a Parklet and would affect final pricing. Things like natural gas, water/sewer connections and overhead moveable sunscreens are just a few of examples.

The Parklets would remain as public property and could be used during the “off season” for other public uses, such as expanding the scarecrows in the park to some in the Parklets, the Ice Festival would be another potential use. Perhaps the winter or spring market could expand the number of booths into the parklet areas. The cost of the development of the Parklets would need to be spread onto those using the space, and the concept could be that the current format of minimal payments per square foot for use of public property would not be able to be continued. Parklet development would be much like a regular rent payment that restaurants have for indoor space, and this could be used to help recover some of those development costs. In addition, current patio space that is using parking spaces on the street (Penn Grill & Barrio as examples) would eventually need to be upgraded to the new concepts and pricing.

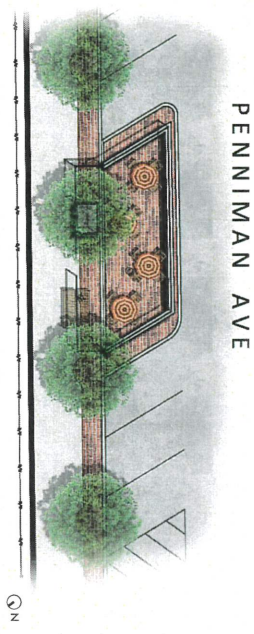
There are no formal votes to be taken tonight, this is to introduce the concept of the parklets and begin a discussion and receive input from the City Commission and the various appointed Boards and Commissions.

Tonight, the team from Wade Trim will be on hand to discuss how the parklet concepts were developed and to provide some perspective as to why the landscape architects chose certain elements to be in the design. This will help provide a “behind the scenes” perspective as to the design concept.

This is meant to be a somewhat informal and informative session. We will ask that people who have questions or comments use one of the microphones in the room and the Mayor will call on them. Tonight’s meeting is being recorded and will be available on the City’s website.

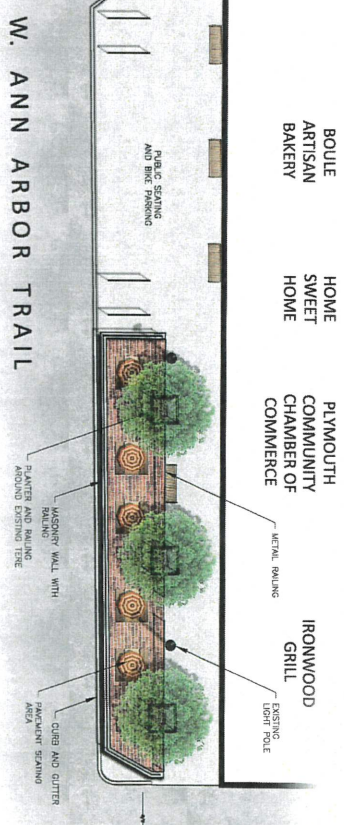
We will start the session with the team from Wade Trim introducing the parklet concepts. Again, there will be no formal action taken tonight.

If you have any questions in advance of the meeting, please feel free to contact me.



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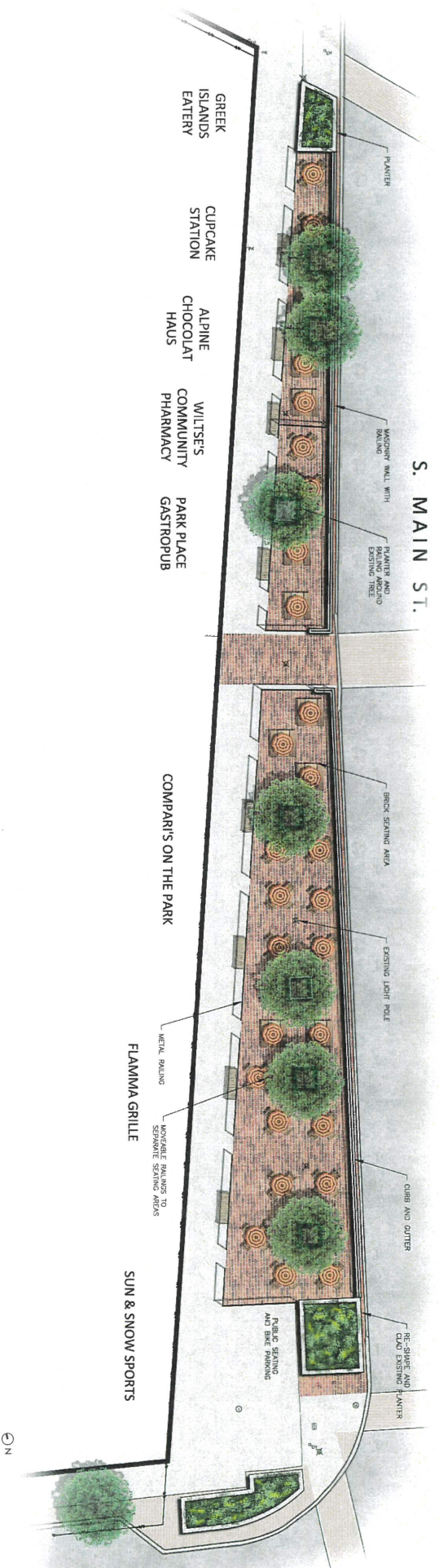
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