



# Plymouth City Commission Joint Meeting with Plymouth Downtown Development Authority DTPForward Open House #2 Meeting Minutes Wednesday, February 25, 2026 - 5:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m. Plymouth Cultural Center

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## 1. 5:30 P.M. – Doors Open, informal DTPForward Open House Interactive Review and Discussion

The meeting began with an informal open house period where attendees reviewed interactive displays and materials related to the DTPForward Streetscape project.

## 2. 6:30 P.M. – Call to Order & Roll Call – City Commission and DDA Board

Mayor Linda Filipczak called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

City Commission:

Present: Mayor Linda Filipczak, Mayor Pro Tem Joe Elliott, Commissioners Karen Sisolak, Trish Hortsman, Jennifer Kehoe.

Excused: Commissioner Alanna Maguire and Brock Minton.

Downtown Development Authority:

Present: Chair Kerri Pollard, Member Jennifer Frey, Shannon Perry, Ellen Elliott, Ed Saenz, and Paul Salloum.

Excused: Member Richard Matsu, Lynne Taylor-Kilgore and Brian Harris.

Various members from administration were also present.

## 3. DTPForward Presentation from Smithgroup Consultants

Oliver Kiley from SmithGroup presented the comprehensive DTPForward Streetscape project findings. The presentation covered project background, community engagement results from nearly 900 survey responses, and six strategy categories: landscaping improvements, pedestrian safety and comfort, event support, placemaking, roadway changes, and parking modifications.

Key strategies discussed included potential road dieting on Main Street from four to three lanes, curbside street designs around Kellogg Park, enhanced crosswalk safety measures, tree replacement in properly sized spaces, and flexible parking configurations. The consultant emphasized that all proposals represent options requiring community input and no final decisions have been made.

Implementation would occur in phases with multiple funding sources including federal transportation grants, state programs, and local resources. A third open house is planned for May to review final recommendations.

#### **4. Citizens Comments**

Jack Wilson (1157 Penniman) raised concerns about stormwater management due to past flooding and requested phased tree replacement to preserve canopy. He suggested improving drainage infrastructure and considering shuttle services.

Walter Janowski (561 Kellogg) supported curbless street designs and wider sidewalks, especially near Kellogg Park, and proposed shared-use paths on both sides of Main Street.

Carla Spradlin (1321 Ross) offered to hand out surveys at community event.

Robert Hurley (723 Burroughs) backed bicycle infrastructure improvements but queried federal funding and local millage options.

Katie Langston (413 Adams) favored mature tree preservation and maintaining downtown lighting, while expressing concerns over traffic flow if Main Street lanes are reduced.

#### **5. Commission & Board Comments**

Mayor Pro Tem Joe Elliott emphasized the listening phase of the process and the need to balance community desires with financial feasibility through phased implementation.

Commissioner Karen Sisolak praised the extensive community engagement approach and encouraged residents to discuss the project with neighbors and complete surveys.

DDA Chair Kerri Pollard invited public participation in monthly DDA meetings and reiterated that no final decisions have been made.

DDA Board Member Ellen Elliott prioritized pedestrian safety and specifically requested implementation of leading pedestrian intervals at all downtown crossings during every signal cycle, regardless of button activation, as an immediate safety improvement that could be implemented before the broader streetscape project.

#### **6. Additional Opportunity for DTPForward Open House Interactive review and Discussion until 8:30 P.M.**

The meeting transitioned back to an informal open house format allowing continued interaction with displays and project team members, commission, and administration.

#### **7. Adjournment**

Mayor Filipczak officially closed the formal meeting portion, with the open house continuing until 8:30 P.M.

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LINDA FILIPCZAK  
MAYOR

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CHRIS PORMAN  
CITY MANAGER