

**Obery Street Study Committee
Minutes – November 17, 2005**

The fourth regularly scheduled meeting of the Obery Street Study Committee was held on November 17, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in Library Director's Room, Plymouth Public Library, South Street. The following members were in attendance: Nicholas Filla, Richard Sullivan, Virginia Davis, Margie Burgess, William Marani and Bobbi Clark. Lee Hartmann, Director of Planning and Development, was also in attendance.

Mr. Filla opened the meeting.

The committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the November 2, 2005 meeting.

Mr. Hartmann informed the committee that the DPW Director, George Crombie will be the guest speaker at the December 1, 2005 meeting. The committee asked that the Obery Heights Neighborhood Association be invited to that meeting. Ms. Davis said that she would notify the association.

The committee began a discussion on neighborhood goals. The committee agreed upon the following goals. Once drafted, the committee will review and refine these goals.

Obery Street Commercial Goals

- I. Encourage "park like" or campus style development through the use of boulevard roads and drives, open space, landscaping, and mature trees;
- II. Maintain the Plymouth North High school site as an institutional, municipal and open space complex;
- III. Promote uses that compliment and enrich the community significance of the Obery Street area;
- IV. Promote uses that enhance the economic potential of the Obery Street area;
- V. Promote road designs that are safe, aesthetically pleasing, and respect the surrounding neighborhood;
- VI. Invest in and expand infrastructure including parking, lighting, signage, street furniture, landscaping, drainage, utilities and paving;
- VII. Maintain a mix and balance of residential, office and professional uses.

Obery Street Residential Goals

- I. Encourage "park like" or campus style residential development through the use of boulevard roads and drives, open space, landscaping, and mature trees;
- II. Maintain the Plymouth North High school site as an institutional, municipal and open space complex;

- III. Identify, protect and preserve the characteristics of the existing residential neighborhood;
- IV. Encourage a balanced mix of housing to meet all lifestyles, age groups, and income levels of residents of the Obery Street area;
- V. Provide safe pedestrian pathways, connections, and links to, from, and within the neighborhood.

Obery Street Recreation Goals

- I. Encourage “park like” or campus style development through the use of boulevard roads and drives, open space, landscaping, and mature trees;
- II. Maintain the Plymouth North High school site as an institutional, municipal and open space complex;
- III. Provide sufficient active recreation spaces and places to meet the residential demand for athletic fields, parks and playgrounds;
- IV. Provide sufficient passive recreation and open spaces to enhance the scenic beauty of the neighborhood;
- V. Provide safe pedestrian pathways, connections, and links to, from, and within the neighborhood;
- VI. Support cultural/historic facilities and events;
- VII. Preserve existing green spaces.

Obery Street Environmental Goals

- I. Protect and preserve the habitat resources of the County Farm and other surrounding woodlands;
- II. Preserve existing mature trees and green spaces;
- III. Enhance and improve stormwater drainage and allow for natural looking drainage areas;
- IV. Limit the impacts of lighting on the night-time sky;
- V. Enhance the neighborhood character by placing utilities underground.

Obery Street Zoning Goals

- I. Provide zoning strategies that are consistent with the commercial, residential, recreation, and environmental goals of the Obery Street neighborhood;
- II. Zoning strategies should maintain, strengthen, improve, and enhance the existing sense of the Obery Street neighborhood;
- III. Maintain the Plymouth North High school site as an institutional, municipal and open space complex;
- IV. Encourage “park like” or campus style development through the use of boulevard roads and drives, open space, landscaping, and mature trees.

The committee discussed having a public meeting in January to present the goals to the community.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Lee Hartmann
Director of Planning and Development