



Council of Greater Manhasset Civic Associations, Inc.
PO Box 600, Manhasset, New York 11030-0600
(Greater Council)

Next Meeting: Mar 11, 2013
TNH Board Room 7:30 PM

Plandome Road Parking Committee
Meeting Summary 2/11/13

A regular meeting of the Plandome Road Parking Committee was held at 7:30pm at the Town of North Hempstead Town Hall Law Library in Manhasset, New York with Richard Bentley serving as Interim Convenor (chair) and Sue Auriemma as Recording Secretary. Mr. Bentley called the meeting to order at 7:40pm with a round table introduction of the following members present:

Bayview Civic Association:

John Minogue

Chamber of Commerce:

Lois Silva

Ed Wassmer

Greater Council:

Rich Bentley

Susan Auriemma

Manhasset Park District:

John Regan

David Paterson

Village Mayors Liaison:

Barbara Donno, Mayor, Plandome Manor

Guest Present:

Pat Grace, Manhasset Press

Absent were:

Marion Endrizzi, Greater Council

Anna Kaplan, TNH Councilwoman

Katie Miller, CSM

Sabereh Samet, TNH Legisl Aide

Andrew Schwenk, Greater Council

Lee Temaras, Chamber of Comm.

Teresa Tranfaglia, Bayview Civic

Meetings: As determined at the January meeting, this committee will meet through June 2013 on the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:30pm at Town Hall in the Law Library unless otherwise noted. A determination will be made in June as to additional meetings. Specific 2013 dates are:

- March 11 – room change to Town Board Room,
- April 8
- May 13
- June 10

Committee Participation:

Mayors: It was noted that Mayor Donno agreed to participate on the committee serving as a liaison between the committee and all other Mayors.

Landlord/ building owners: Contact information for Edward King had not been obtained prior to this meeting; prior to next meeting, members will reach out to him on any anticipated operational changes at USPS affecting parking, and for his future participation as a significant Plandome Road area property owner.

Town of North Hempstead: Members noted active TNH participation is essential. This planning group was initially a TNH committee. Rich noted that Councilwoman DeGiorgio is on our committee eList and he did reach out to her when he learned today that Councilwoman Kaplan was unable to attend. Indeed Councilwoman DeGiorgio was interested but also unavailable on today's short notice. While not necessary for both attend all committee meetings, but indeed one of them or a commissioner is essential to having productive committee meetings. Effort is needed to always have TNH representation at future meetings.

Prior Parking Studies: Comments. Committee members had been asked to read prior parking related studies. The following data related comments were shared:

- The 2007 RBA Study included private parking to which the town does not have access. It was suggested focus needed on updating the study to include statistical updates and only to include parking that is or might potentially become available to the municipality. MPD Commissioner Regan agreed to contact RBA to get a budget cost for such an update. Once a cost is known, we can better assess ability to fund the update study so that we make decisions based on current statistics.

- The 2007 study suggested some existing lots are underutilized. MPD was asked to review lots identified as underutilized and to offer suggestions on how utilization might be increased.
- The Chamber initiated a merchant's survey regarding parking. Since the survey has already been finalized, the committee has no ability to make suggested revisions. Mr. Wasserman noted that the survey is not designed to capture patient parking needs, only owner and employee parking needs of businesses located on Plandome Road Results are still forthcoming.

With attendance at this meeting relatively light, a general discussion ensued:

Employee parking for Plandome Road business continued to be of focus - how to accommodate 8 hour employee parking so as to free up street and existing municipal parking lot parking for shoppers. Discussion included larger remote parking locations for weekday merchant and employees such as Lord and Taylor's lot, NCDPW property adjacent to Valley Park, Sunset Chapel, Macy's, etc. might be explored further (none of which have yet been approached). While Sunset Chapels might be a reasonable walking distance for Plandome Rd businesses, other more distant locations need some type of shuttle or employee "carpooling", where four employees would meet at a remote lot and one would drive those four to closer parking was floated. Weekend parking for merchants may be solved by use of MPD parking lot near LIRR which has apparent ample space on weekends. A method for managing and enforcing such use must be proposed. MPD representatives viewed weekends as a solvable problem.

Quantifying the employee parking problem is important in order to find solutions. How much inventory do we have? How much inventory do we need? How many employees seek parking on an average day? An update to the RBA study, and the Chamber's Merchant Survey will certainly help achieve improvements, but is not necessarily long-term solutions. Solutions must also identify adequate parking solutions when more stores are occupied. It was noted that adequate parking, while certainly a factor, is only ONE factor on store occupancy in downtown Manhasset.

No ONE solution: Many agreed that there is likely no ONE BIG solution that will solve all Manhasset's downtown parking problems; A far more likely solution is an accumulation of several "smaller" improvements, including:

- Solving the illegal businesses selling spots; enforcement is primary problem as illegal actions must be observed. Identify ways to both legalize and promote rental of spaces for employees of Plandome Rd merchants.
- Create improve parking lot capacity by combining "fiefdoms" of parking behind stores either by way of leasing the space from the building owners, offering a tax incentive or purchasing the property.
- Exploration of all currently underutilized parking locations to determine what can be changed to increase utilization.
- Some 90 minute parking zones areas on commercial segments of side streets are underutilized. Use of medallions that would allow Plandome Rd merchant owner and employee parking on commercial segments of side streets. The medallions would made available to employees, allowing them to park in a 90-minute space for longer hours (while working on Plandome Rd). 90-minute parking for others would be available concurrently. Considerable discussion is needed with TNH on formulating town code and identifying methods of enforcement.
- Certainly Manhasset is not unique to the problem and external resources need exploration. Vision Long Island will be contacted to attend the next meeting to share expertise in what has worked in other communities and help guide us on a solid place.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15pm and as members exited, Ed Wassmer and Lois Silva offered to co-chair the Committee. Further discussion will continue at next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Auriemma