

Design Committee minutes approved



## Design Committee

### Feb. 2, 2010

Mission: Make Six Corners physically attractive to consumers

Item	Information	Action
Attendance	Present were (5) : Bob Brobson, chair; Joe Angelastri, Gale Fabisch, Vincent Mastromauro and Ed Bannon	NA
Approval of minutes	Vince M. made a motion to approve the minutes of the Design Committee for Jan. 5, 2010, and Vince M. seconded it.	The minutes were approved.
Streetscape	<p>Bridget Stalla-Dosch was reached by phone for a streetscape update. Bridget S. prefaced her report with the caveat that she is waiting on a final construction schedule for this year from the contractor, Capitol Construction. But she was able to give approximate dates. She said the light poles would be going up this month on the east side of Milwaukee. The permits have been issued, so Capitol Construction is ready to go. Although it will depend on the weather, sewer connection work on Milwaukee will probably occur toward the end of March. The sewer lining work on the Milwaukee sewer will likely be done after the sewer connection work.</p> <p>Capitol Construction will probably start pouring concrete for the sidewalk on the west side of Milwaukee in mid- to late-April. That work will last about two months. The signal installation at Belle Plaine and Milwaukee and at Kilpatrick and Milwaukee will occur about the same time. Trees will be planted on Milwaukee tentatively in June. Bridget S. projected that by Memorial Day most of the Milwaukee work will be done.</p> <p>She said traffic will remain flowing in both directions. The contractor's permit does not a street closure unless there's an emergency. Traffic flaggers are not planned for the Milwaukee work but will probably be used once the street work moves to the Six Corners intersection later in the summer.</p> <p>Asked about the rush hour parking prohibition sign that went up on Milwaukee after the fall sidewalk installation, Bridget S. it was a glitch and the sign will likely come down by end of the month.</p> <p>Bridget S. said pedestrian crossing signs and senior citizen crossing signs like the new one post at Belle Plaine and Milwaukee will be added at the Six Corners intersection.</p>	Ed B to follow-up on signs on east side of Milwaukee.

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	<p>Joe A. asked if parking would be gained on east side of Cicero, north of Irving due to the widening work. After examining the plans, Bridget S. said about 10 feet of parking would be gained, which amounts to half a parking spot. She said she will 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. restriction on southbound Irving.</p> <p>Bridget S. was asked about moving bus stops to the far side of the intersections. Bridget said such requests go through the CTA and she would be happy to forward them. The committee will get a consensus and get back to Bridget S.</p> <p>Bob B. asked about benches that face the street and suggested that might not be the best direction. Bridget S. said benches are turned that way because they are usually used at bus stops where it makes sense for them to face the street. Bob said in places where there is parking by the benches, it means a person would be looking at a car. Bridget S. noted that the Six Corners Association has had much input into the location of benches and garbage cans. Bridget S. said, however, she is open to suggestions. Bob B. is to review plans for benches and trash cans.</p>	<p>The committee will get a consensus on CTA bus stops and get back to Bridget S.</p>
Mural project	<p>Ed B. reported that the property managers of 4080 N. Milwaukee Ave. are not interested in the mural project. Ed B. will take another stab at that property, but George Garcia from Fantasy has indicated he is willing to have a mural painted on his building. The committee decided to move forward with a Fantasy mural.</p>	<p>Ed B. to work on a budget. Bob to work on contacting muralists.</p>
Three facades.	<p>The committee discussed the work plan goal of improving three facades. Bob B. is asking fellow architect friends to look up and grants and options. We need to set up a meeting with Dennis to inspire him. Bob B. plans to work on a summary.</p> <p>Bob is also working on a booklet of incentives and how-tos, including list of small contractors. Bob working on best practice guidelines. Storefront rehab guidelines in process. They will include tips such as keeping windows open so the interior can be seen and reminders to do cheap fixes like, changing lightbulbs.</p> <p>The guidelines will also include information on SBIF grants, other business assistance and resources for various contractors.</p>	<p>Bob B. to work on a two-page summary with bullet points regarding the marquee.</p>
Storefront photo survey	<p>Bob B. reported that the storefront photo survey is in process. A volunteer has been taking photos of all the storefronts.</p>	<p>NA</p>

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CTA stops	Joe A. noted that Irving Park Road has two stops going east, so we should ask for two going west. Maybe do westbound for CTA, do both sides of the street. It would be safer and more convenient for pedestrians.	Ed B. to check on possibility of two westbound stops.
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at p.m. The next meeting of the Design Committee was called for 1 p.m., March 2, at Parkway Bank, 4106 N. Milwaukee Ave.	Meeting adjourned.