



Design Committee March 2, 2010

Mission: Make Six Corners physically attractive to consumers

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| Attendance | Present were (9): Bob Brobson, chair; Gale Fabisch, Jill Arena, Carlos Lopez, Rev. Kara Wegner Sherer, Joe Oliveri, Nick Slywczuk, Richard Lang, Vincent Mastromauro | NA |
| Approval of minutes | Gail F. made a motion to approve the minutes of the Design Committee for Feb. 2, 2010, and Vince M. seconded it. | The minutes were approved. |
| Streetscape | Bob B. reported that the streetscape project manager, Bridget Stalla-Dosch is to come to the March meeting of the Portage Park Neighborhood Association at 7:30 p.m., March 8, at the Lydia Home offices in the People's Gas & Coke Building, 4839 W. Irving Park Road, to provide a streetscape update. | Ed B. to spread word to membership |
| Streets & San Communication | <p>Nick S., the 45th ward Streets & San superintendent, answered questions about the new garbage cans to be installed for the streetscape. He said they can get abused and that's when he will removed them. Apartment building tenants don't want to walk to the back of their buildings to the Dumpsters, so they will drop their garbage in the city cans.</p> <p>For emptying, Nick said corner locations are the best, as opposed to the mid-block.</p> <p>Kara W. suggested communicating with landlords. Give a notice to tenants. Bob B. suggested covers with a small hole, so it's not as easy to put big bags in there.</p> <p>Nick S. said that sidewalk garbage cans might be removed during construction. Nick S. said if he sees cans being abused, he will talk to nearby businesses, but if the abuse continues, he will pull the cans. He said he will talk to Six Corners Association before he pulls them. Ed B. said the association will also talk to businesses. Bob B. noted that the association plans to apply identifying decals to the garbage cans. Nick S. said he didn't see any problem with that.</p> | Ed B. to check with Bridget to see if caps are going on the cans or can be added. |
| Milwaukee Avenue mural | Bob B. presented ideas for a mural on Milwaukee Avenue on the Belle Plaine wall of Fantasy Costumes. The owners of 4080 N. Milwaukee are not interested in a mural, so we have moved across the street. Bob had some themes in mind: civic, local, identify driven; fun | Bob B. to put together a page of answering basic questions. |

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| | <p>ones that animate the building face. Some can look three dimensional that engages the community a little differently. Knowing that paint and bricks don't go together that well, Bob B said the mural could be changed every three years.</p> <p>Jill A. suggested the committee look at a bricolage mural on Foster Beach. Kara W. suggested contacting the Lill Street Art Center. Bob B. to reach out groups for ideas and budgets. He will put together a page of answering basic questions so we are ready to move forward when we meet with stakeholders.</p> <p>Ed B. showed a budget submitted by the artist who did the Irving Park Road mural.</p> | |
| Streetscape communication | <p>Ed B. presented a draft pamphlet meant to communicate the streetscape construction to the public. Business owners will be given the tri-fold brochure, so they can distribute it to customers. Gail F. and Kara W. contributed editing corrections. Rich L. suggested showing parking locations. Ed B. said some additional date milestones will be added once we get the schedule from CDOT.</p> | Ed B. to revise pamphlet. |
| Three façade | <p>SBIF grants: Bunch of architects involved: Bob showed committee photos stitched together; talked about putting together booklet</p> <p>Carlos L. talked about his plans to open a café. Exposed brick, oranges and browns, Gale F. suggested used of an expediter if need help moving building permits along.</p> <p>Joe O. said wanted to add Six Corners logo to his sign at 4825 W. Irving Park Road.</p> <p>Ed B. said a good group of facades would be Carlos L's project at 4030 N. Milwaukee, Six Corners Bakery, 4022 N. Milwaukee, and Portage Theater. Bob B. talked about Portage, accepting apps for ComEd Smart Ideas program. 100% fixture allowance up \$200K Whiteway sign is going to photograph and do proposal and scheme of changing. Will put together a proposal and talked to Dennis about it.</p> | Continue gathering data. |
| Storefront displays | <p>OLV has contacted Six Corners about posting art in vacant storefronts. Bob B. said the committee can start using the building-scape photos to start monitoring with storefront we can bring up to speed.</p> | Get OLV info to Bob B. |
| Improve Belle | Draft letter and urge Walgreens and Dunkin' Donuts | Ed B. to draft |

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| Plaine/Cicero | to do something about improving the two-way streets to the alley. Copy the letter to the alderman. Check in with alderman first | letter. |
| Hands To Help | <p>Rev. Kara Wagner-Sherer, president of Hands To Help, reported that what Six Corners has been doing with the Hands To Help homelessness outreach has really helping with the work of the social worker. She showed statistics from March 2009 to December 2009. She said HTH's goal is to get people into temporary housing and transition them to permanent housing.</p> <p>Having taken care of the marginal homeless cases, HTH is mainly dealing with chronic, more difficult homeless cases at Six Corners who are resistant to getting help. HTH is working on improving its relationship with the Irving Hotel to see how we can be helpful. Joe O., who uses to work as a case adjuster with the Social Security office, says that half the people who panhandle come out of Irving Hotel. It's the same people over and over. HTH has talked about trying to stop people from donating money to them. The challenge is hooking them into getting help. Richard L. says that the point is taken that it's not doing any good to provide money to panhandlers. HTH can't provide the benefits or income that panhandling provides, which is why people continue to do it.</p> | NA |
| Adjournment | The meeting was adjourned at p.m. The next meeting of the Design Committee was called for 1 p.m., April 6, at Parkway Bank, 4106 N. Milwaukee Ave. | Meeting adjourned. |