



## Design Committee July 6, 2010

Mission: Make Six Corners physically attractive to consumers

Item	Information	Action
Attendance	Present were (5) : Bob Brobson, chair, Vincent Mastromauro, Bryan Naraky, Danielle Napolitano and Ed Bannon	NA
Approval of minutes	Vincent M. made a motion to approve the minutes of the Design Committee for June 1, 2010, and Brian N. seconded it.	The minutes were approved.
Belle Plaine mural	Bob B. presented a mural concept for the north face of the Fantasy Costumes building, 4063 N. Milwaukee Ave. The mural would incorporate local history and community concepts of community, peace and family. The design has bold colors and shapes. He estimates a paint budget of \$2,500. Local volunteer artists will manage volunteer painters. Bob B. estimates the paint could go up by August or September.	Ed B. to contact Fantasy Costumes owner George Garcia about mural meeting.
Blight abatement	Bob B. said the committee needs to make some decisions and take some action on mitigating the blight on Milwaukee Avenue. Various options have been considered including plywood screening, art in the windows, vinyl lettering and paper in the windows. The committee decided that a focus will be made to get plywood up in front of the former Mr. Steer and 4029-31 N. Milwaukee. On the west side of Milwaukee, a push will be made to get the owners to agree to have art in their windows. If arrangements can't be made for art in the windows by the end of the month, we will switch tracks to white paper and art from local children.	Bob B. to focus on the east side of Milwaukee. Ed B. to focus on west side.
SBIF	Ed B. gave a report that the legislation to approve the re-funding of the Portage Park SBIF was approved by the City Council. The funding amount is \$500,000. A roll-out meeting must be held before SBIF applications can be accepted. The association is working to expedite that meeting.	Work with city staff and alderman's office to plan roll-out meeting.
Portage Theater marquee	Bob B. reported that he needs to draft an RFP for the Portage marquee. He will work on that for next month's meeting.	Bob B. to draft RFP.
Streetscape	Ed B. reported that unfortunately the Six Corners streetscape has been caught up in the Chicago-area labor dispute. The laborers are honoring the strike of other union workers, so work at Six Corners has stalled. CDOT	CDOT to update Six Corners as appropriate.

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	<p>reports that contract talks continue but the earliest work could restart is Monday, July 12.</p> <p>The garbage can stickers have been ordered thanks to Dani N.</p> <p>Ed B. needs to do more research on banners. Ed B. explained that Six Corners will own the banners but the design is regulated by the city. We can sell advertising on a bottom portion, which Ed B. said was 15% but he had to confirm.</p>	<p>Staff to apply stickers when they arrive.</p> <p>Ed B. to report on banners at next meeting.</p>
Public sculpture	Nobody from the sculpture subcommittee was in attendance. Ed B. reported that the committee has met with local canoe expert Ralph Frese, of Chicagoland Canoe Base, and plans to also meet with staff from the Mitchell Museum of the American Indian.	Subcommittee to update at the next meeting.
Security	Ed B. will e-mail reports that were requested at the last meeting.	Ed B. to e-mail reports.
Landscaping	Ed B. said the sod for this year has been canceled due to lack of interest from adjacent property owners. Ed B. said the plants at the intersection look good but Vince M. said they looked dry. Bryan said he heard about a project on Lou Manfredini's show that releases water over a long period. He will research.	Bryan N. to research alternative watering product.
Total facade makeover	Ed B. noted the total facade makeover project that is part of the Six Corners workplan. He said the committee should keep this project in mind in order to make progress this year. The facade work is going well but the makeover also involves the interior.	Bob B. to contact local storefront consultant. Ed B. to work on project plan.
Plow snow	Ed B. said we should get started on the snow plow bidding and get that done and out of the way. Ed said we need to tweak the RFP a little and consider whether to bid out a long-term deal such as three years.	Bob B. requested last year's RFP be distributed for review.
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m. The next meeting of the Design Committee was called for 1 p.m., Aug. 3, at Parkway Bank, 4106 N. Milwaukee Ave.	Meeting adjourned.