



Design Committee

March 6, 2007

Mission: Make Six Corners physically attractive to consumers

Item	Information	Action
Attendance	Present were (5) attendees: Ed Bannon, Suzan Hawil, John Arena, Nick Slywczuk and Nick Tufano.	NA
Approval of minutes	Nick T. made a motion to approve the minutes of the Feb. 6, 2007, Design Committee and Suzan H. seconded it.	The minutes were approved without changes.
Streetscape	<p>The funding for the streetscape appears to be assured. The city plans to go out of bid in July. The committee is waiting to see an updated plan based on recent suggestions that the project is overbudget.</p> <p>As part of the streetscape, Nick T. asked about the installation of grouped news boxes to eliminate the clutter of the individual news boxes.</p> <p>The streetscape discussion veered into a discussion of Six Corners' appearance. Nick S. said two spots in the alley behind the 4800 block of Irving are especially bad. He said fencing off those areas but deter the homeless. The consensus was that the homeless do not respond to information about shelters. Some area social service agencies have been called but were not encouraging as far as solving the problem.</p> <p>On the sidewalks, the homeless tend to camp out in vacant storefronts, and therefore, the problem might decrease with the vacancies. One location in particular, at about 4846 W. Irving Park, is a favorite because it is an alcove without a door. The committee suggested looking into boarding up that alcove.</p> <p>The impression was that shopping districts such as Lincoln Square and North Center do not have a vagrancy problem, so their situations should be investigated.</p>	<p>Check with Ald. Levar for update.</p> <p>Check on news boxes.</p> <p>Investigate fencing.</p> <p>Talk to owner about board up.</p> <p>Assess homeless problem elsewhere.</p>

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Bus stops	<p>The committee discussed moving or adding bus stops to improve pedestrian convenience at Six Corners. The CTA will investigate adding a bus stop south of Irving Park on southbound Milwaukee if the SCA writes a letter. The CTA will not remove a loading zone in order to add a bus stop. Also, parking spaces would be lost to add the bus stop. Suzan H., whose business is along that part of Milwaukee, said the loading zone is needed for the patients of the Chicago Eye Institute and that eliminating parking spaces would hurt her customers. Also, the committee suggested that busses stopping simultaneously on the east and west sides of Milwaukee would clog traffic. The committee did not see a clear advantage to adding the bus stop over losing the parking, and tabled the matter.</p>	<p>Check status of loading zone.</p> <p>Measure sidewalk and count parking impact.</p>
Parking lot	<p>We are awaiting approval from the city to hang directional signs to the parking lot. We are also awaiting approval on monthly parking permits for the lot.</p> <p>In the meantime, better signage for the lot itself was proposed. The proposed signage would replace the unattractive signs posted at the lot and draw more parking to the lot. The concept plans include a triangular totem that would be screwed into the asphalt between the two concrete planters at the parking lot entrance. The totem would simply read “Parking” on two sides and say “Thank you” on the rear side. A directional sign with an arrow would be posted on the southeast corner of the lot, pointing drivers toward the entrance. Signs would be posted on the three lightpoles in the lot, relating the lot’s hours and regulations. The committee liked the signs and suggested no changes.</p> <p>Nick S. said a floodlight could be posted on a streetlight to light up the totem sign. Reflective material could also be used. John A. said electricity could be run to the totem, but Ed B. said he thought the wire running overhead would detract from the totem. John A. suggested adding a pedestrian entrance to the lot near the southeast corner, so drivers have the shortest distance to walk to get to Irving, instead of having to backtrack north to the lot’s driveway.</p>	<p>Contact city for updates.</p> <p>John A. to investigate pricing and materials.</p>

