Design Committee minutes approved

Design Committee
May 6, 2008

Mission: Make Six Corners physically attractive to consumers

Item	Information	Action
Attendance	Present were (4) attendees: Nick Tufano, chair; Joe Angelastri, Vincent Mastromauro and Ed Bannon	NA
Approval of minutes	Joe A. made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2008, Design Committee and Vince M. seconded it.	The minutes were approved without changes.
Monthly permits	Ald. Levar had monthly permit passes made available for the Laporte parking lot. The permits are not yet for sale because the city has to add them to its system, but they soon will be. The committee discussed marketing the permits to make sure Six Corners businesses use them and stop taking up on-street spaces that could be used for customers. The marketing plan is as follows: As soon as the city has the permits for sale, we send out postcards to all local businesses. We follow-up a week later with e-mail and a week later with flyers. We will run an "ad" announcement in our next newsletter. After 6 months, we will assess the permit sales to determine the next step. The marketing will emphasize the economic value of not parking in spaces that customers could use, the value of the permit over meter feeding with the occasional ticket and the safety of the Laporte lot.	Ed B. to execute marketing plan
New Laporte lot signs	Drafts of the new Laporte lot signs have been sent the Dept. of Revenue, but we have not heard back yet.	Ed B. to make phone calls
Landscaping	The planting and landscape maintenance projects are under way.	Remove from agenda
Homeless/pan-handling abatement	Hands To Help is close to hiring a new social worker. The committee discussed hiring a part-time security guard/off-duty police officer to reduce the panhandling at the intersection, especially around the evening rush hour. The committee OK'd a $1,000 budget as a pilot.	Ed B. negotiate with an off-duty officer. Find out about insurance implications.

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Streetscape	We are waiting for a timeline on the streetscape. No definitive start dates have been announced nor has definitive funding been earmarked.	Call Ald. Levar for an update.
Athletico mural	At a workshop in Springfield about using the arts for economic development, Nick T. met a woman from Friends of Community Public Art who has produced several public murals in the Joliet area. The prices she quoted were much lower than other estimates we have heard.	Nick T. to send RFP to FPCA for feedback.
New business: Clean and Green	We are trying to set up a program with a local scout troop but are having problems contacting the scout leaders. The planned project of painting the bus benches might have to be postponed.	Contact troops.
Artworks workshop	Nick T. gave a report on the Artworks seminar attended by him and Ed. B in Springfield April 29. The seminar showcased community art projects and how they can lead to economic development. The Old Town School of Folk Music and its contribution to the revitalization of Lincoln Square was one of the highlighted programs. The seminar talked about how arts bring vitality to a downtown, which attracts more people and events. With the announced closing of the Portage Park Center for the Arts, Nick suggested that we attempt to bring some of those classes to Six Corners. Nick said that space could be available in his family's building that could be rented to artists.	Supply contacts to Nick. Nick T. to contact some artists to evaluate feasibility.
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.. The next meeting of the Design Committee was called for 1 p.m., June 3, at the Six Corners office, 4006 N. Milwaukee Ave. #205.	Meeting adjourned