



## Design Committee

July 12, 2007

Mission: Make Six Corners physically attractive to consumers

Item	Information	Action
Attendance	Present were (3) attendees: Nicholas Tufano, chair; Joe Angelastri and Ed Bannon	NA
Approval of minutes	Nick T. made a motion to approve the April 2, 2007, minutes of the Design Committee and Joe A. seconded it.	The minutes were approved without changes.
Façade improvement	Ed B. reported that the SBIF program for Villa Roma Hair Designers is moving along. The project has received approval; it is now on the step of getting individual contractor approval. Nick T. suggested documenting the details of the project so we can use the project as a showcase. We should note the timeline to give businesses and property owners an idea of how the paperwork might impact their plans.	Ed will keep records of timeline
Parking lot	We have seen no movement on the hanging of banners or setting up parking permits in the Laporte lot. Several courses of action were suggested to get some movement. First was to visit Ald. Levar during his office hours. Another was to circulate a petition. The consensus was to focus on this project through July in order to get some movement. We will visit Ald. Levar and follow-up on other actions as necessary.	Visit Ald. Levar.
Viaduct Gateway Project	The last meeting scheduled for June 4 was canceled and never rescheduled. We need to get an update on this project.	Call mayor's office and Ald. Allen's office for info.
Vagrancy reduction	<p>A homeless person has taken up residence in the deep vestibule of 4024 W. Milwaukee Ave. The committee discussed placing planters in this vestibule as we have others, but the depth of this doorway would probably not let in enough sunlight. Since this person has essentially begun using the vestibule as a storage space, Streets and San will be called to remove the items.</p> <p>Adrienne O'Brien is talking about arranging a meeting with the 16<sup>th</sup> District police to discuss the vagrancy issue around Dickinson Park. She has invited the SCA to join the meeting. We will try to invite Hands to Help and the Polish American Association.</p>	<p>Call Streets &amp; San.</p> <p>Contact other organizations.</p>

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Cont. Vagrancy reduction	Another strategy will be to meeting with the property owners from the apartment buildings on Belle Plaine where there is a loitering problem.	Contact property owners.
Streetscape	We are still trying to get more details on the streetscape plans. At last report, the detailed plans were not yet available.	Contact city reps.
New business	<p>With Nick and Joe having taken Main Street training the day before, many new ideas and goals were discussed for the Design Committee.</p> <p>Produce a signage database/photo inventory of Six Corners, taking a picture of every building and sign at Six Corners. Joe A. said old photos might be available from the 1990s.</p> <p>Pick five storefronts that need the most work or are most willing to work with us and focus on improving them.</p> <p>Pass a lighting ordinance requiring businesses when and how they must light their storefronts. The committee decided that passing an actual ordinance would be difficult in Chicago, but that we can offer guidance to local businesses.</p> <p>The guidance could be included in a “10 simple things” handout, listing such advice as lighting windows at night with three lamps, keep a broom handy and shovel handy. More research is needed.</p> <p>Clean windows and awnings. Ed B. reported that this project has been bid and budgeted in the past. The stumbling block has come in trying to get businesses and property owners to commit to participation. The committee decided the best process would be to rebid the project, pick a date with sufficient advanced notice and then get a letter from business owners saying whether they are in or out.</p> <p>The People’s Gas &amp; Coke Building would be an excellent location for the Irving Park Historic Society along with a Six Corners office.</p> <p>Investigate getting holiday decorations hung in the Marketplace.</p>	<p>Develop plan for photos.</p> <p>Develop plan.</p> <p>Research 10 things list.</p> <p>Rebid and reschedule prior to Sept. 8 Six Cornucopia.</p> <p>Price out rental.</p> <p>Contact Marketplace and Walgreens.</p>

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Cont. New business	Start talking to universities about having classes study Six Corners to develop pro formas on potential buildings to rehabilitate.	Contact schools.
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at about 2:30 p.m.	The next meeting of the Design Committee was called for 1 p.m., Aug. 7, at the Six Corners office, 4006 N. Milwaukee Ave. #205.