



## Design Committee

Aug. 7, 2007

Mission: Make Six Corners physically attractive to consumers

Item	Information	Action
Attendance	Present were ( ) attendees: Nicholas Tufano, chair; Joe Angelastri, Vincent Mastromauro, Richard Lang, Ed Bannon, Luis Dominguez	NA
Approval of minutes	Vincent M. made a motion to approve the minutes of the Aug. 7 Design Committee meeting. Joe A. seconded the motion. After reading the minutes, Rich L. commented that the Irving Park Historical Society might be interested in a project that would have the Six Corners Association and the society share the space and have the society open a museum on the first floor. It was noted that this was a long-term project, but Rich said he would raise the topic at the society's September board meeting.	The minutes were approved without changes.
Storefront design	<p>The committee discussed the proposed Do's and Don'ts of Effective Storefront Design. Several suggestions were made. One revision was to revise all the Don't tips to make them "Do's." In other words, to make them positive, instead of negative. The storefront design list should be distributed quarterly on one notecard. Also, the tips can be written about in the SCA newsletter. Also, the tips can be included in the membership invoice.</p> <p>The committee decided that signage should be considered as well but that this list should focus on storefront design. Design experts are available to recommend good signage and the SBIF program is available for flat-front signage. The possibility of a zoning overlay was suggested as a way to enforce sign requirements. Skokie has a good sign ordinance. Other sources could be the American Planning Association. When we draft sign tips, we should refer to our own Six Corners Design Guidelines</p>	<p>Continue revise of design tips</p> <p>Do early research on zoning overlay.</p>
3900 block of North Cicero	The committee wants to focus on the 3900 block of north Cicero to make it a showcase for other businesses and blocks to learn from. The north half of the block has already been rehabbed for the Washington Mutual building. Three owners represent the several storefront to the south. A removal program was proposed for	Set up meeting among the owners of the 3900 north block of Cicero. Call Labino to set up meeting .

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	unused signs and tripods. A \$3,000 budget was proposed for this project. The committee decided to focus on the 3900 block and see how that project goes before moving on to the signage removal program.	Walk the district to find unused sign brackets.
Building photo inventory	A photographic building inventory was suggested. This could be done in conjunction with a building database. The building photo inventory could be used for historical purposes and to track building improvements. This project could be done as a service learning project for high school students.	Check cost then see if service learning would be feasible.
Viaduct project	The viaduct gateway project has stalled at the construction funding stage. The committee discussed ways to break the logjam. An update will be sought from Ald. Allen and members of the Viaduct Improvement Project will attend the Aug. 30 budget hearing to thank Mayor Daley for the progress to date and to press our case for construction.	Call Ald. Allen for update. Set up meeting if necessary.
Panhandling reduction	Our homeless social worker has begun. She will be out to Six Corners twice and week for a total of four hours. It is hoped that her long-term commitment will enable her to form relationships with the homeless that will break down the barriers preventing them from finding a home. Given that homeless people loitering around Six Corners deters businesses from opening, this social service has a economic development purpose behind it. It was suggested that the Irving Hotel could be part of this solution.	Make sure worker contacts SCA whenever comes to area. Check on Irving Hotel.
Streetscape kiosk contact	Themes for content of streetscape information kiosks. The recommendation was to pick the highlight of Six Corners such as the Portage Theater, a historic toll booth, the street car and the early Pioneers to post historic information about these landmarks.	Continue discussion.
Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 2:06 p.m.	The next meeting of the Design Committee was called for 1 p.m., , at the Six Corners office, 4006 N. Milwaukee Ave. #205.