



Design Committee Sept. 4, 2007

Mission: Make Six Corners physically attractive to consumers

Item	Information	Action
Attendance	Present were () attendees: Vincent Mastromauro, Rich Lang, Ed Bannon	NA
Approval of minutes	Vince. M. made a motion to approve the minutes of the Aug. 7, 2007, Design Committee and Rich L. seconded it.	The minutes were approved without changes.
Façade improvements	The committee reviewed the revised list of Storefront Design Tips. The committee OK'd the design tips text but recommended that pictures of local businesses be inserted. Distribution is recommended through the newsletter and face-to-face meetings. Abridged versions of the tips were presented on half sheets including four tips per sheet, but the committee didn't think that the shortened versions were necessary.	Insert local pictures.
3900 block of Cicero	The renderings for the west side of Cicero north of Dakin are not yet ready. A meeting has been scheduled for Sept. 15 to review the renderings.	Push for Sept. 15 meeting
Building inventory plan	The committee briefly discussed the building inventory plan. It was suggested that this labor-intensive project could be completed as a school or scout community service project.	Get procedure from Main Street for building inventory and check possibility of service project.
Parking lot	The cover letter and list of possible permit buyers for the proposed Laporte parking permits was reviewed and prepared for delivery to Ald. Levar. Several local business have expressed an interested in buy the 15 monthly permit passes that the alderman has said he would look into.	Deliver letter to the alderman.
Viaduct Gateway Project	The city and Ald. Allen have announced that the Irving Park Viaduct project will be funded for construction. The city is to call a meeting on this topic soon. If the city does not contact the association, the association will follow-up.	Wait for call.

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Vagrancy/ homeless	Ed B. reported that the social worker began working for the Six Corners Association through Hands To Help social service agency, but it is too early to expect any results. The outreach worker will come to Six Corners twice a week for a total of four hours a week. The strategy is for the outreach worker to develop continual relationships with the homeless and check on their progress until they are housed. A good article was written about the program in the Pioneer Press.	NA
Sidewalk service contracts	<p>Snow plowing: The committee OK'd the approval of the snow plowing contract to Merit Concrete, which offered to plow with no price increase over last year. The committee cautioned that the plowing budget is tight and that Merit should be made aware of this.</p> <p>Sidewalk cleaning: The committee OK'd the renewal of the B/P Services annual contract at the same price. The renewal is pending the negotiation of adding the service of cleaning the alley entry ways that are visible from Irving Park and other streets.</p>	<p>Finalize renewal and inform Merit of budget issue.</p> <p>Finalize negotiation and renewal.</p>
Streetscape	<p>No new information is available regarding the content for the back of the information kiosks. The committee wants to know whether the kiosks will have electric power.</p> <p>The committee discussed the association's line-item expense for capital improvements that have been held in anticipation of the streetscape construction. The committee decided the best way to spend the money would be on wayfinding sign poles that point toward major landmarks.</p>	Investigate electricity.
Boy Scout partnership	Ed B. reported that the scouts might be interested in working with the association to perform service projects and work on merit badges. The fall Clean & Green, usually held the first weekend in October, would be an opportunity to complete a small painting project such as painting the bus benches and light poles.	Contact scout troops about project.
Athletico mural project	A tentative date to meet on this project was set for Oct. 3 or 4.	Contact stakeholders and schedule meeting.

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Holiday decorations	<p>Holiday decorations were discussed. The committee discussed moving away from the 36” wreaths that have decorated Six Corners for the past two years and is searching for an alternative. Jeanette Leiva of Eden Apparel researched various decorations and came up with a couple companies that might suit Six Corners’ needs. Further research will have to be done to ensure any outdoor ornaments that are purchased will be able to be installed.</p> <p>It was urged that private property owners such as Inland or Walgreens be persuaded to hang the decorations to create a seamless shopping center experience. It was acknowledged that the association might have to subsidize the cost of decorations on private property by ½ of 1/3 in order to get the private owners to join the decoration effort.</p>	Continue research.
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 2:06 p.m.	The next meeting of the Design Committee was called for 1 p.m., Oct. 2, at the Six Corners office, 4006 N. Milwaukee Ave. #205.