



Design Committee

Dec. 1, 2009

Mission: Make Six Corners physically attractive to consumers

Item	Information	Action
Attendance	Present were (11) : Vincent Mastromauro, Dennis Wolkowicz, Phil Schroeder, Richard Lang, Ed Bannon, Joe Angelastri, Don Blair, Tony LaBarbera, Jackie Daleba, Bob Brobson, Bob Pontarelli	NA
Approval of minutes	Bob B. made a motion to approve the minutes of the Design Committee for Nov. 3, 2009, and Vinceent M. seconded it.	The minutes were approved.
Streetscape	<p>Bridget Dosch, the CDOT project manager for the streetscape, was called for an update about the streetscape. She said the Six Corners streetscape work will resume in early 2010 and is scheduled to be mostly completed by the year's end. Work will begin in January or February with the installation of light poles on the east side of Milwaukee. Sidewalk replacement and street resurfacing work will begin about mid-March depending on the weather. Work cannot begin until the snow cover has melted and the temperature is warm enough to pour concrete. A focus of the work in early 2010 will be in front of Klee Plaza on Cicero. An underground vault must be filled in to accommodate the widening of Cicero Avenue. All work on Milwaukee is scheduled to be completed by mid-summer. That includes all trees being planted on Milwaukee. Sewer work continued into December 2009 in which new sewer connection were being made from the east side of Milwaukee to the sewer main, which runs along the west side of Milwaukee. Getting the sewer connection infrastructure work out of the way will mean the roadwork can start more readily in 2010.</p> <p>Ed B. asked about sending drafts of the information kiosks to the city because the files were very large. Bridget said to drop them off at the local office if the ftp site does not work. Joe A. asked if street signs would be hung on light poles or separate poles. Bridget D. said she believes they would be on separate poles but she will have to verify.</p> <p>Ed B. asked how many trash cans would be added.</p>	Follow-up on street signs.

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	Bridget D. said 37. Streets & San. knows about the trash cans.	
Work Plan 2010	<p>The committee reviewed the 2010 work plan. Don B. brought up some ideas that could also be implemented in 2010. Creating an action plan to remove redundant or antiquated signage on vacant commercial buildings:</p> <p>Recommendations to review with current business owners in the Six Corners shopping district on appropriate window signage, display, building lighting and storefront appearance; Potential low-cost storefront (existing businesses) standard appearance elements (common awnings etc.) ;Recommendation for low-mid cost improvements to the façade of the Portage Theatre; additional low-cost design or other area improvements such as benches or other pedestrian-friendly elements; any low-cost or no-cost improvements which can be achieved through community involvement.</p> <p>Don B. brought up issues of the difficulty of getting building permits. He suggested the Six Corners Association might be able to help building owners with this process. Bob B. replied that permitting is a very difficult process and can change almost on a weekly basis. Dennis W. said he acted as his own general contractor during the Portage Theater renovation and the permit process was difficult to say the least. The committee said asking an expediter to speak at an event might be a good idea.</p> <p>Don B. also suggested that the association could help Dennis W. work on improving his facade. With a combination of federal grants and ComEd grants, the expense to the theater could be very low. Dennis said he would be interested in talking about it.</p>	Review work plan
Parking	Monthly permits were available in December and are expected to be available on a monthly basis now. One local business bought 8 permits. Joe A. said City Newsstand will sell the permits at cost.	Continue permit program.
Streetscape marketing	The committee discussed putting together a brochure to hand out to customers to explain the streetscape project once construction begins again in the spring. The committee talked about doing a tri-fold brochure to give to customers.	Hire a brochure designer.
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m. The next	

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	meeting of the Design Committee was called for 1 p.m., Jan. 5, at Six Corners, 4006 N. Milwaukee Ave.	