

**SSA #28 Commissioners Meeting/Organization
Committee**

Jan. 13, 2009

Mission: To act as a clearinghouse for Six Corners Association activities

ORG = Organization Committee report

ECON = Economic Development Committee report

DES = Design Committee report

PRO = Promotions Committee report

Item	Information	Action
Introductions	In attendance were (11): Commissioners present Joe Angelastri, chair; Rudy Kubica, Gale Fabisch, Dennis Wolkowicz, Jose Gato, Nick Tufano, Marc Sussman and Vincent Mastromauro. Commissioners absent Samer Natour. Also present: Glenn Nadig, Marlene Raddatz and Ed Bannon, program manager	NA
Approval of minutes	Glenn N. made a motion to approve the minutes from the Dec. 9, 2008, joint committee meeting and seconded it	Minutes approved.
ORG: Commissioner actions	<p>Ed B. reported on the 2008 finances of the SSA. The SSA spent a little out of its streetscape fund to cover the costs of extraordinarily high snow plowing, one-time landscaping and The property tax revenue fell a little short of budget, so a \$1,850 charge was taken on the Loss Collection Fund.</p> <p>The highest single budget line-item was for snow plowing at \$46,493. A discussion of snow plow performance followed about when the snow plow service is called out and under what conditions. The commissioners agreed that a memo explaining the factors for calling out the snow plow service would be submitted by the Six Corners Association.</p> <p>Ed B. reported that the SCA would need approximately \$60,000 to operate in the first quarter. Minus a balance of \$10,675.54, he recommended a transfer of \$49,324.46 cents. Nick T. made the motion and Rudy K. seconded it.</p>	<p>Ed B. to draft snow plow memo.</p> <p>Motion was unanimously approved.</p>
ORG: 2008 Work plan report	Ed B. reviewed the work plan report, showing that 90% of the project on the SSA work plan were completed. The project not completed were: Ensure streetscape construction is well executed. Not	Commissioners accepted the report.

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	<p>completed because city has not started streetscape construction.</p> <p>Advocate for city funding or Irving Park viaduct improvement. Not completed because tabled by the city.</p> <p>Hire part-time security guard. Not completed because a deal could not be made with a local vendor. Wider vendor search under way.</p> <p>Sponsor Santa at Sears. Not completed due to management changes at Sears that disrupted planning.</p> <p>Conduct six shopping district visits for recruitment. Only four visits were completed.</p>	
<p>ER: Delegate agency grant</p>	<p>The city granted the Six Corners Association \$22,688 for business recruitment efforts in 2009. This is a decrease from last year's \$24,000 grant.</p>	<p>NA</p>
<p>ER: Bank of America</p>	<p>Ed B. reported that a joint venture of Inland Commercial Real Estate and TMK Development had been presented to the community at a Dec. 1 meeting called by Ald. Allen. Inland/TMK and Bank of America had said they were anxious to close the deal by the end of 2008, but Inland has since pulled out because they said they could not get leases signed by prospective tenants. Marc S. distributed an article showing that an Inland real estate trust was in financial straits, offering another explanation for the offer not panning out.</p> <p>At this time, Marc S. raised a concern that the Six Corners Association was not speaking on behalf of the local merchants. He said that the Portage Park Neighborhood Association was too involved in the Six Corners Association and as far as he could tell no other merchant's association works so closely with local residents. He urged the association to 100% fully support the next development proposal that comes to the neighborhood. He said the area cannot afford to be choosy and should welcome the developers who show an interest. Two specific positions were cited: the SCA opposition to the Klee Plaza curb cut and the SCA position on the Nick's Pizza parking lot.</p> <p>Economic Restructuring Chair Gale F. disagreed that the SCA was not acting on behalf of the merchants. He said the SCA did not oppose the Nick's Pizza parking lot and welcomed the Inland/TMK proposal. Gale noted that he stood up to speak at that meeting urging support for the project. Joe A. also disagreed with the statement that Six Corners does not act on behalf of merchants. He noted</p>	

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	that the association is supporting an Irving Park Metra station and helped push through the creation of a SBIF for the part of Six Corners that did not have that program. He said Six Corners' approach to include the community is part of the Main Street strategy, which is a national revitalization program that Mayor Daley originally brought to Six Corners. He also said it makes sense to work with the community residents because, as voters, they hold more sway with the alderman than the businesses.	
ER: National Landmark status	Six Corners' preliminary application to the state for National Landmark status was denied due to not enough historically preserved buildings within the proposed district.	Ed B. to get feedback on the denial.
DES: Streetscape construction	CDOT has said the start of the streetscape construction will be pushed back to Sept. 1 because the state has requested more revisions to the construction document. The CDOT representative said she thought it was "very unlikely" there would be further delays.	NA
DES: Snow plow update	Ed B. reviewed the snow plow events for 2008, showing how the end of the 2007-08 winter and beginning of the 2008-09 winter have been particularly heavy.	NA
New Business	Nick T. made a motion to go into executive session for the purposes of personnel and Jose G. seconded. Upon exiting the executive session, the commissioners voted to renew Ed Bannon's employment contract for 2009.	Motion passed 8-0.
Adjournment	Adjourned about p.m. The next meeting of the Organizing Committee will be 1 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 9, at the Six Corners Association office, 4006 N. Milwaukee Ave., Suite 205.	Meeting adjourned.