



## Organizing Committee minutes unapproved

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

Item	Information	Action
Introductions	In attendance were (): Joe Angelastri, chair; Rich Lang, John Maloof Vincent Mastromauro, Glenn Nadig, Dan Pogorbelski and Ed Bannon	NA
Approval of minutes	made a motion to approve the minutes of the Design Committee and seconded it.	The minutes were approved without changes.
ORG: Financial report	Glenn Nadig made a motion to approve the minutes of the Jan. 8, 2008, Organizing Committee and Vince Mastromauro seconded it.	The minutes were approved without amendment.
Financial reports	The committee reviewed the financial reports. Due to the heavy snowfall this winter, we have already spent out 2008 budget for snow plowing. We have negotiated with our snow plow vendor to reduce the service area on sidewalks that are little used. This has reduced the costs by 15%. The committee agreed to the service cut back but said the snow plowing should continue because it is a valuable service. The commissioners will have to be notified of the spending issue.	Continue snow plowing as discussed.
Commissioners update	Ed B. made initial contact with Sears. He hasn't spoken to the Sears manager directly, but her assistant manager seemed receptive to working with Six Corners.	Continue commissioner recruitment
Volunteer outreach	Joe A. and Vince M. had made it a goal in 2008 for the association to increase its volunteer base. Ed B. suggested focusing on exciting projects to draw people into the committees. The projects decided on were the Athletico mural project, the landmark district and business recruitment. Illinois Main Street offers video training, so we will use that as a way to draw residents out.	Run article in local paper and newsletters.
Klee Plaza	No new news on tenants. John M. said a brass-plated sign is to be hung over the door soon.	NA
Major site redevelopment	Ed B. will be going to Springfield next week for Illinois Main Street day. He will have an opportunity to ask local legislators about studying a Metra station at Irving Park. The Mayfair Improvement Association has been told about the idea, so all the local neighborhood association have been informed.	NA
Nick's Pizza	The Portage Park Neighborhood Association discussed	NA

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	the Nick's Pizza plan. Of about 30 people at the meeting, 18 opposed the elimination of the street wall, 4 said the façade was OK but to look for a better appearance to the parking lot and 3 said the façade was OK but that the street wall should not be broken. The committee reiterated its support for Nick's plan and will continue to work with the PPPNA to see of a compromise design will work. The committee noted that economic benefit of the restaurant coming to Six Corners and felt those concerns outweighed the design concerns of breaking the street wall. It was also noted that Nick's has not requested a curb cut and plans to add an extra buffer between the street and the parking lot.	
Streetscape	According to the city's project manager, the city has to respond to some concerns from IDOT about its 90% plans. Then the state has to review that response. After that, the manager says it would be a good idea to arrange a meeting with the alderman.	NA
Portage statue	John M. reported that he sculptors have told him that a body of a Native American would cost \$50,000 to \$70,000. The Native American would stand on a pedestal, which would bring the height to 7-feet. John M. suggested that Ralph Frese from Chicagoland Canoe could create a replica canoe, which would cost about the same as the statue itself. John showed some photos of a similar monument in Wisconsin. John M. and Dan P. formed the Portage Monument Subcommittee. They will look at possible locations and work on renderings.	John M. continuing to research.
2008 Main Street	Ed B. will be attending the 2008 National Main Street Conference in Philadelphia. Dan P. will look into whether he can attend. The dates are March 30 through April 2.	Finalize arrangements.
Illinois Main Street Day	Illinois Main Street Day in Springfield is on Feb. 21. The committee was asked if any members could attend for just the day. A meeting is scheduled with Rep. Lyons, and we are trying to get a meeting with Sen. DeLeo. Nobody could commit but Joe A. and Vince M. said they would look at their schedules.	Check if anyone can attend.
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at . The next meeting of the Organizing Committee was called for 1 p.m., , at the Six Corners office, 4006 N. Milwaukee Ave. #205.	Meeting adjourned.