

Organization Committee minutes approved

SSA#28 Commissioners Meeting

April 14, 2009

Bank of America, 4901 W. Irving Park Road

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

Item	Information	Action
Introductions	In attendance were (11): Commissioners Joe Angelastri, chairman; Nick Tufano, treasurer, Vincent Mastromauro, Jose Gato, Rudy Kubica, Gale Fabisch, Dennis Wolkowicz, Marc Sussman. Also present were Glenn Nadig, Rich Lang and Ed Bannon, program manager. Absent: Commissioner Samer Natour.	NA
Financial report/Banking	The finances were reviewed. Ed B. noted that the property tax revenue was about in line for where we should be after the first installment tax payments. A request to transfer \$53,966.35 for second quarter spending was put before the commissioners. Rudy K. made the motion and Vincent M. seconded it.	Motion carried 8-0.
Landscape contract	The landscape contract was reviewed. Rudy K. noted some contradictory language on core aeration to be done either once a year or twice a year. Ed B. clarified that it should be once a year. Joe A. said that the bid process started early in 2009 and a number of bids were reviewed. Christy Webber came in as the lowest bidder and references were checked. The Design Committee reviewed the bids and recommended Christy Webber be approved. Marc Sussman made a motion to approve the contract with Christy Webber and Gale F. seconded.	Motion carried 8-0.
Streetscape maintenance agreement with the city	Ed B. reported that the city has a maintenance agreement that the Six Corners Association must sign before the landscaping will be installed as part of the streetscape. The commissioners began to review the document but wanted more time to review. The commissioners had questions about the irrigation system, insurance liability and tree replacement costs. Joe A. said it would be a good idea to approve the agreement to keep the streetscape project moving. Other commissioners	Ed B. to invite a city representative to the next meeting and to find out the answers to some of the questions raised.

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	<p>requested that the city representative attend a future meeting to review the agreement. Also, the commissioners requested cost estimates on the irrigation system and landscape maintenance.</p> <p>Marc S. felt there was a need for the commissioners to meet more often so proposals are not made with little time to review them. The commissioners agreed to meet in May to review the streetscape maintenance agreement and in June to review the budget, which must be approved in July.</p>	
<p>2010 Work Plan preliminary review</p>	<p>The preliminary work plans for 2010 were presented for review. Ed B. said that the city requires the commissioners to submit an approved 2010 budget by July. The work plan in the basis for the budget because all the funding requests flow from the work that the association wants to accomplish in 2010. The work plan will be reviewed at the respective committee meetings before being brought back to the commission.</p>	<p>Continue work on budget.</p>
<p>ER: Major developments</p>	<p>On the Metra station, Ed B. reported that state Rep. Joe Lyons relayed in a discussion during Illinois Main Street day at the Capitol that Metra was not enthusiastic about consolidating a station at Irving Park Road. Metra is talking about upgrading the current stations, which would be cheaper than a new station. The Six Corners Association is looking at building more stakeholder support for the station.</p>	<p>NA</p>
<p>National Landmark Status</p>	<p>Ed B. reported that more research is being done to determine the exact impact of having Six Corners listed on the National Register of Historic Places. More information will be sought from other towns who have the status. Marc S. said that a legal opinion of the landmark district status might be a good idea to ensure building owners' property rights are not infringed by this status.</p>	<p>Ed B. to research.</p>
<p>DES: Milwaukee Avenue parking lot</p>	<p>Ed B. reported that the Milwaukee Avenue parking lot is not moving much of anywhere. Ald. Levar says the funding is not available. Marc S. asked how the decision was made to present a drawing of the proposed parking to the alderman that did not show a driveway entrance off of Milwaukee when property owners at a meeting</p>	

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	about the lot expressed a clear desire to see a driveway. Joe A. explained that there was also a desire expressed at the meeting with property owners to maintain a continuous row of storefronts along Milwaukee. Ed B. said that the plan was also presented without a driveway in order to avoid a controversy during the first meeting with the alderman on the issue. If a driveway had been included, the alderman likely would ended the discussion and the idea would have died. Nick T. felt that only 30 parking spaces might not be worth it.	
Panhandling/ homeless	The meeting was running late, so Ed B. quickly noted that the association's partner, Hands To Help, has hired a new outreach worker.	
Snow plow	The snow plow report for the 2008-09 winter showed that Six Corners spent \$35,840 on snow removal this winter for 15 incidents. The average for the three years of snow-plow service has been \$26,713.	
Adjournment	Adjourned about p.m. The next meeting of the Organizing Committee will be 1 p.m., Tuesday, at the Six Corners Association office, 4006 N. Milwaukee Ave., Suite 205.	Meeting adjourned.