

**North Park Main Street
Design Committee Minutes
Tuesday, November 6, 2007, 5:30 p.m.
Location: 3076 University Ave.**

Called to order: 5:30 p.m.

Attendance

John Stewart McGaughy (co-chair); George Franck (acting secretary), Kevin Farron, Christopher Dye, Roger Lewis,(members); John Anderson, Eric Lingensfelder, Steve Hon, Jay Porter, Katherine Ryzek, & Mark Bausback (visitors); Elizabeth Studebaker (Executive Director)

1. Introductions

2. Approval of Minutes

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 6, 2007 MEETING OF THE DESIGN COMMITTEE.

(Franck/McGaughy) Motion Passed Unanimously

3. Announcements and Public Comment

4. The Linkery

Seven sets of plans have been submitted to the city and health department. The first permit has been approved, as well as the second but with minor comment. Jay Porter presented exterior elevations first which showed the same height, new window dimensions, remove corrugated awnings, installation of new transom windows, and open able garage style windows. Signage will be a simple lantern with their name on it. Formal front door will be on North Park Way, perhaps with an awning. They plan to serve lunch through a sandwich counter; it may be called North Park Meat Company (lunch place). The Linkery would like help with requesting the removal of the bus stop in front on 30th Street since there is another one just north at University Ave.

Interior plans were shown, including the kitchen. The PROW may be considered to install outside planters in the short-term. The kitchen will look like a home exterior; the dining area will create an 'outdoor' space. A formal dining area will be on a riser. There will be a large area in the back that will be used for seating during busy nights, or private parties at other times. Liz Studebaker asked about flexibility in seating arrangements and Jay responded that it will depend on which furniture is chosen. George Franck mentioned that he likes the refinements shown.

5. Dixi Lumbar Building

According to Liz Studebaker, Marc Shannon has a new architect. They will present to the Design Committee in December.

6. University Avenue Benches

John Stewart McGaughy suggested that the current location of the benches at 30th and University are not well placed because they impede pedestrian traffic. Liz Studebaker mentioned again the police suggestion of removing them from their current locations. The committee discussed whose decision removing them is. Liz will approach the MAD about financial help. Roger Lewis is hesitant to just remove the benches without examining replacement options. John suggested examining and generating new block schematics based upon what we know from the block experiments. Liz stated that she believed our goals in discussing this are to decrease litter and vagrancy and to help patrons reach businesses easily. Roger suggested that the committee meet on the block to access the perceived problems and then generate some solutions. George Franck will follow up with the city on the letter sent to them about the bus stops. The sub committee will be created after the first of the year.

7. Historic Walking Tour

The History Committee is stalled right now because the volunteers involved are busy. A dry run of the walking tour will occur at 9:30 a.m. on December 1st at the front the parking garage entrance.

8. Maintenance Assessment District (MAD) Update

The MAD has some funds remaining for street light installation. Liz Studebaker mentioned that when an existing MAD tree dies and is replaced by the BID, the MAD refuses to take responsibility for its caretaking. The city should require the MAD to take care of the replaced trees using the time allotted to the maintenance of the ones originally planted by the MAD.

9. Conferences

10. Ray at Night

A car hit the Ray at Night street sign at Ray Street and North Park Way. Kosta Houdalakis has organized a crafts market in the parking lot behind the Tent Dancing, with approximately 20 booths for the next Ray at Night. A percentage of the monies raised by booth fees will be used for marketing Ray at Night. The committee discussed the necessity of an advertising budget and the different demographics of clientele. The Ray at Night vendor fair will run for a two-month trial period.

11. Storefront Improvement Program

Liz Studebaker is working with Chitos, John Kanakaris, and the owner of "Dixieline" building on improvement possibilities.

12. Other Issues

Eric Lingenfelder (partner in MJE) and Mark Bausack (architect) informed the committee of the possibility that they may purchase Shooterz; they have the potential to close escrow in January. There was a discussion on the possibility of serving food there.

13. Selection of Committee Secretary

George Franck will be the secretary in December.

14. Adjourn: 6:50 p.m.

Next Meeting: December 4, 2007