

Design Committee Meeting Minutes February 20, 2012

Members present: Latisha, Richard, David, Roni (arrived at 8:10)
Guest: Chuck Nass

David called the meeting to order at 8:05 am.

Approval of minutes of the January meeting was moved by Latisha and seconded by Richard.
Approved

Tree plan for downtown - Chuck Nass provided an update on the downtown tree replacement and a plan for the future.

The trees that are of a type that is too big for downtown will be replaced with more appropriate type. First priority will be dead trees then ones pushing up the sidewalks. Chuck explained that the tree roots are in the first 6-10 inches and these push on the curbs and sidewalks doing the damage.

Replacement of the trees will be gradual, with biggest need first.
Over the summer, Chuck will work with the committee to develop an article to communicate the tree plan and replacement to the public. This will be done prior to the proposal going to council.

The city now employs two certified arborists in addition to Chuck.
An arborist is always on site when trees are being planted or trimmed.

Adopt-a-block Richard will be meeting with Rick Daniels to get this going.

Walking Tour Brochure – is being tweaked and ready to print. Clarified that there is money in the budget to print.

Façade Grant Poster is in process of being put up.

Latisha explained that the steering committee for code revisions will meet again in June.

Phantom Art Gallery –WAA is still interested. Will focus on the spring and summer when conditions are better. Signage will be needed. WAA will need help with coordination and set up.

Milwaukee-Main Street intersction – The focus right now is on getting bike lanes and parking.

Kiosks – tourism council is taking charge.

Roni raised the idea of musical sculptures for a future focus in the downtown area.

David raised the question of whose responsibility it is to be sure trash cans get emptied.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55.