

Meeting of the Design Committee of Main Street
Thursday, May 12, 2010, City Hall

Present: Patrick Reagan, Tom Dempsey, Kathy Parsons, Eric Frederick, Margie Briggs

Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm.

Purchase order requests will be made at the June Main Street Boards and DDA meetings for purchase of planter supplies. Kathy will get Patrick photos of proposed placements.

Replacement fencing in Scout Park was discussed. Styles and materials were discussed. Consensus was that brick pillars to mirror Maple Street streetscapes were cost prohibitive. Because of the small size of the project, a commercial purchase from a landscaping or home improvement store would be more appropriate. The committee's consensus was that the general specifications were black-coated or painted iron or metal in the style of the Maple Street streetscape was desired, four or five feet tall, sturdy installation method with no sharp finials for safety. Kathy will begin shopping for alternatives in the area and on the internet to present at a future meeting.

Patrick and Tom reported a request for funding from the Portland District Library to help defray some of the costs of their new landscaping installed earlier in the month. The committee discussed ways in which the request could be accommodated within the parameters and precedents of other programs. While the committee was sympathetic to the needs of the Library and regrets not being able to help, the consensus was that the request could not be granted for a number of reasons: It is the precedent and purpose of the committee to not fund request made retroactive to the work performed, and there is no unallocated money for the request without taking away funding for projects already spoken for.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Next meeting, Thursday, June 9th at 6:30 pm at City Hall.

Respectfully submitted:

Kathy Parsons, Chair.