



Design Committee

Quarterly Report – Spring 2009

By Kate Wick, Chair

The Design Committee's main focus this winter has been the District Gateways Project. Landscape Architect Elena Pascarella has kept us on schedule for completion of two Gateways this spring (see pg. 1).

Under the leadership of Marybeth Quaadgras, the Banner Subcommittee has decided to keep the bright mango-colored District banners up for 2009. This allows current sponsors to renew their banner for a second year at a lower cost. Additional banners are still being sold. For more information, contact Frank McLaughlin at frank@mclaughlin-companies.com or 961-7746.

Downtown bike racks may be back in the project mix, as there are other groups in the City who are on board. We hope to move this project along with cooperative collaboration in the coming year.

A big thanks to Nicole Benoit who has taken on the challenge of new I-95 signs for The District. Nicole has made contact with the Department of Transportation (DOT). The plan is to replace the green New London highway signs with brown historic district signs. The wording will direct visitors to the "waterfront district", indicating that this is a special place. Once the City Council approves, Nicole will work with the DOT to schedule installation.

Now is an exciting time to join the Design Committee, dedicated to "enhancing the district's physical appearance through building rehabilitation, compatible new construction, public improvements, and design managements systems." If this intrigues you, contact Joanne Gibson for more information at volunteer@newlondonmainstreet.org.

The Design Committee meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 5:30pm at the Main Street office. We look forward to welcoming you to our next meeting!