

Design Evanston Chronology

1980

- Sep 5 Invitations sent to prospective members
- Sep 9 Statement of Purpose drafted
- Sep 25 First meeting held; 28 persons attended
- Oct 30 Second meeting held; possible activities discussed
- Dec 4 Third meeting held; design assistance provided to Student Book Exchange

1981

- Jan Team of designers assists a cluster of retail shops at Custer and Callan with facade rehabilitation
- Jan Team conducted photo inventory of Central Street business district
- Jan 15 Fourth meeting held; design advice provided to Chamber of Commerce on improved appearance and security at the Sherman Avenue parking garage
- Feb 19 Fifth meeting held; decided to establish Design Evanston Awards program and created committee
- May 22 Presented first eight awards to seven recipients at Chamber of Commerce luncheon
- Jun 17 Met with Central Street Merchants to describe Design Evanston and offer services
- Sep 10 Showed "Main Street" movie, prepared by the National Trust for Historic Preservation at regular membership meeting
- Sep Hayward Blake designed new letterhead for stationery
- Oct 15 Cooperation with Evanston Arts Council initiated
- Nov 11 Sent letter to State National Bank commenting on unsightly condition of vacant property on Davis Street
- Nov 19 Showed "Legacy for Living" movie, prepared by the American Society of Landscape Architects, at regular membership meeting
- Nov 20 Presented seven awards to six recipients at Chamber of Commerce luncheon

1982

- Jan 14 Initiated two research projects: (1) to document the magnitude of the design industry in Evanston, and (2) to document the premise that "Good design is good business"

Jan 21 Evanston Review publishes feature on November design awards

Feb 11 Interim report on "Good design" presented at membership meeting

Mar Design Evanston requested by City of Evanston to advise on a facade renovation program

Mar 28 Filmfest held at Civic Center; over 70 persons attended to see six award winning films and enjoy refreshments

May 21 Presented nine awards to seven recipients at Chamber of Commerce luncheon

Jul Initiated design and construction assistance to Southeast Business organization for Custer-Washington park.

Jul 15 Research indicates that Evanston design firms employ over 250 persons, generate over \$12 million in annual revenues, and occupy approximately 15,000 sq. ft., not including free lancers or design departments of major corporations

Aug 12 Final report on "Good design..." presented at membership meeting; includes numerous testimonials

Sep 1 Representative met with Evanston Plan Commission to discuss merits of an Appearance Code

Sep 21 R. Teska is guest speaker at Society of Typographic Arts to discuss Design Evanston

Oct Design assistance provided to Arts Council for Arts Week

Oct Design assistance provided to Virag Jewelers on Main Street

Oct Team conducts appearance survey of Chicago Avenue corridor

Oct 22 Presented eight awards to seven recipients at Chamber of Commerce luncheon

Oct 27 Representatives showed "Main Street" film and described Design Evanston at meeting of Southeast Evanston business persons

Oct Custer-Washington park completed

Dec 7 Research prospectus on "Good design..." sent to Northwestern University

Dec 9 Design advice provided to Captaur Corporation on rehabilitation plans for Fountain Square Building

Dec Commentary about "Design Evanston: Good Design Means Good Business" in Evanston Arts and Events magazine

1983

Jan Submitted application to Evanston Arts Council for financial assistance to prepare an exhibit and slide show of design award winners and a brochure/poster describing Design Evanston

Feb 10 Provided design assistance regarding signage to Evanston North Shore YWCA at regular membership meeting

Mar 10 Offered design assistance to the Evanston Preservation Commission regarding signage to identify the Lakeshore Historic District

Apr 14 Representative from City of Evanston Plan Commission Energy Subcommittee attended regular membership meeting to discuss how design can influence energy conservation

Apr Team of professionals provided design assistance to Video Adventure on Central Street regarding facade rehabilitation

Apr 8 Provided and staffed an exhibit at the Chamber of Commerce Home Show at ETHS, including our recently constructed kiosk and slide program, posters and literature on good design; funded by donations and a \$290 grant from the Arts Council

May 20 Presented five awards to four recipients at Chamber of Commerce luncheon

May 20 Presented complete Chamber of Commerce luncheon program on topic of "Good Design is Good Business", including three excellent speakers

May 20 Bennett Johnson videotaped luncheon program and design awards and produced 60 minute program for Evanston Cable television, Channel 27

May Team of professionals provided design review of proposed Shand Morahan Building streetscape for City of Evanston

May Team of professionals provided design assistance on proposed Noyes Cultural Center parking lot for City of Evanston

July Group of members prepared entry in the nationwide Evanston 2063 design competition sponsored by the Evanston Arts Center

July Began extended assignment to advise the Chicago Transit Authority on design features of a proposed Howard Street Yards expansion plan on behalf of the City of Evanston

July Team of professionals provided window display design assistance to JeRon Camera store in Fountain Square Building

Aug 9 Held special membership meeting to discuss advantages and disadvantages of formulating bylaws and becoming a certified tax exempt, non-profit corporation; received voluntary legal counsel from Lawyers for the Creative Arts

Sep Sponsored window display contest for Evanston businesses at the request of the Evanston Arts Council

Sep 20 Representatives of Design Evanston gave talk at Kiwanis Club luncheon

Oct 1 Presented six awards to six recipients for window displays at the opening ceremony of Evanston Arts Week

Oct 21 Presented six awards to six recipients at Chamber of Commerce luncheon

Oct Design Evanston entry in the Evanston 2063 contest was one of five cited for "special recognition" and was displayed at the Evanston Art Center

Nov 9 Organized educational workshop on window display for Evanston businesses in cooperation with the Chamber of Commerce

Dec 8 Revised statement of purpose for Design Evanston approved at regular membership meeting

Dec 9 Membership agreed to \$25 annual dues at regular meeting, and began drafting bylaws

Dec Three members of Design Evanston participate on Urban Design Subcommittee of the Long Range Cultural Plan Task Force created by the Evanston Arts Council

Dec Completion of design assistance to City regarding CIA viaduct on Chicago Avenue near Howard Street

1984

Jan Team of professionals created to assist the City of Evanston to review downtown streetscape design and maintenance

Jan 9 Provided design assistance to Chamber of Commerce regarding Hot Tix booth in downtown Evanston at regular membership meeting

Jan First annual dues (\$25) take effect

Jan Design Assistance Committee provides advice on new playground facilities at Dewey School

Jan 12 Draft Bylaws presented for review and discussion at regular membership meeting

Feb 9 Revised draft Bylaws received further discussion at regular membership meeting

Mar 8 Bylaws were unanimously approved at regular membership meeting; a committee was appointed to nominate Board of Directors

Mar 8 A chronology of Design Evanston events, beginning with its founding, was distributed to members.

Apr Design Evanston's first Board of Directors (15 members) was elected by ballot

Apr 1 Members of the joint City/Chamber/Design Evanston Committee conducted an inventory of existing conditions related to downtown streetscape

May 10 Committee appointed to work on 1984 Arts Week Program with Arts Council

May 18 Presented design awards to four recipients at Chamber of Commerce luncheon attended by 200 persons

Jun 14 Selected the Terra Museum to receive a special award at the 1984 inaugural Arts Week Awards Gala

Jun 14 First slate of officers elected by Board of Directors; R. Teska, President; H. Blake, Vice President; Diane Luce, Secretary; Diane Korling, Treasurer

Jun The Illinois Downtown Development Association selected Evanston for its annual conference in September; Design Evanston, Chamber of Commerce, and City of Evanston will co-host

Jun Work on new Design Evanston brochure begins

Jul 18 City/Chamber/Design Evanston Streetscape Committee submits reports to Chamber of Commerce on streetscape and kiosk improvements

Jul Design Evanston members assist City of Evanston Planning Department on its Commercial Area Facade Improvement Program

Aug Design Evanston brochure designed and printed

Sep 17 Design Evanston co-hosts Illinois Downtown Development Association Annual Conference at the Orrington Hotel

Sep Design Assistance Committee works with City of Evanston Planning Department on design solutions to lakefront pathway system

Oct 11 Report of Design Assistance Committee procedures and progress to date submitted at regular membership meeting; also submitted were a financial statement for fiscal 1984 and a proposed budget for fiscal 1985

Oct 14 Special award presented to the Terra Museum at the first Evanston Arts Week Award Gala held at Pick-Staiger Concert Hall

Nov 8 Design Evanston Board of Directors votes to support the Evanston Planning Department request for continued city funding for the Commercial Area Assistance Program

Nov Design assistance provided on site planning for new development on the northwest corner of Noyes Street and Noyes Court

Nov Design assistance provided on landscape planting plan for the 1800 Sherman Avenue project

Nov Design assistance provided on site planning for conversion of an abandoned gas station at 2652 Green Bay Road

Dec 4 Design Evanston hosts meeting for representatives of several civic and business organizations to discuss the need for design review to be exercised by the City of Evanston on public and private development

1985

Jan Design assistance provided to City Planning Department regarding parking and landscape plan for Noyes Cultural Center

Jan 4 Special meeting held to discuss advantages and disadvantages of design review by the City of Evanston

Jan 10 Members discuss design review and agree to participate in a multi-group meeting on the topic

Jan 22 Representatives of nine community organizations meet to discuss design review

Feb Consultation provided to the Village of Flossmoor regarding a design awards program

Mar 14 Members vote to send letters to Mayor Lytle supporting a study to improve the city's Sign Ordinance and analysis of site plan review as it might be applied in Evanston.

Apr 11 Members select Spring 1985 design award winners

May 9 Members elect seven persons to Board of Directors by ballot

May 17 Presented design awards to five recipients at Chamber of Commerce luncheon attended by 175 persons

May 18 Design Evanston co-hosts a public forum at the Civic Center to discuss the opportunities and problems for Evanston if Chicago proceeds to host a 1992 World's Fair

Jul 13 OFFICERS ELECTED: PRESIDENT HAYWARD BLAKE VICE. PRES. JAMES GAMBLE SECRETARY DIANE McCORMICK TREASURER DIANE KORLING

Jul 18 HAYWARD BLAKE BEGINS PRESIDENCY, MEMBERS VOTE THE CITY OF EVANSTON THE RECIPIENT OF THE OCTOBER ARTS GALA EVENT - DESIGN EVANSTON AWARD.

Aug 14 BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO MEET ON A MONTHLY BASIS, A MASTER LIST OF EVANSTON DESIGNERS IS TO COMPLIED.

Sep 12 REPORT AND DISCUSSION OF THE KIOSK PROTOTYPE AT SHERMAN AVENUE AND CHURCH STREET. PRESENTED BY JAMES GAMBLE AND CONTRACTOR, SAM STOWELL OF FRANK H. STOWELL & SONS.

Oct 6 ARTS WEEK GALA AWARDS CEREMONIES - PRESENTATION TO CITY OF EVANSTON, BY--- OF DESIGN EVANSTON.

Oct 10 DESIGN EVANSTON ARTICLE APPEARS IN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE "CCJMALERT"

Nov 12 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE LUNCHEON: DESIGN EVANSTON PRESENTS THE FOLLOWING AWARDS FOR DESIGN EXCELLENCE:

FOUNTAIN SQUARE BUILDING - FACADE AND PUBLIC INTERIOR
AL GELATO - FACADE AND INTERIOR DESIGN
CROSS RHODES - INTERIOR DESIGN
LAGOON PROGRAM/CITY OF EV. - LANDSCAPE DESIGN
GIMCRACKS - INTERIORS, DISPLAY, AND SIGNAGE

Nov 14 THE ABUNDANT USE OF AWNINGS WAS DISCUSSED, DE MEMBERS EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER THE NUMBER BEING USED AS "SIGNAGE". THE PARK NORTH OF WHO'S DRUG, THE IMPORTANCE OF KEEPING THIS AS A BUFFER AREA, DON'T LET THIS BECOME PARKING LOT!

1986

Feb 13 BOB TESKA REPORTS THAT A MEETING WITH DOWNTOWN EVANSTON PROPERTY OWNERS TO DISCUSS GOOD DESIGN IS PLANNED.

Feb 14 EVANSTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY REQUESTS INFORMATION REGARDING DE, BOB TESKA RESPONDS.

Mar EVENING WORK SESSION PLANNED FOR SHAND MORAHAN OPEN HOUSE.

Apr 9 DESIGN EVANSTON "STATEMENT" IS COMPILED, REVIEWING PURPOSE, OBJECTIVES, AND MEMBERSHIP.

EVANSTON REVIEW PRINTS DESIGN EVANSTON FEATURE ARTICLE.

Apr 10 ON BEHALF OF "KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL", JAMES GAMBLE ASKS DESIGN EVANSTON FOR SUPPORT.

Apr 22 DESIGN EVANSTON HOLDS OPEN HOUSE AT SHAD MORAHAN. THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE PRESENTED:
PARKING IN EVANSTON - BARRY LUNDBERG SIGN ORDINANCE - DICK CARTER
TRANSPORTATION CENTER - BRUCE HECKMAN VIADUCTS - JAMES GAMBLE

May 8 NOMINATION OF AWARD WINNERS FOR JUNE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE LUNCHEON.

REQUEST FOR DE MAILING LIST FROM JEFF SCHOMISCH (FOR USE IN LEASING COMMERCIAL SPACE)

Jun 12 NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS VOTED IN.
DE AWARD PRESENTATION AT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE LUNCHEON:
SHERMAN/GROVE - CREATIVE MANAGEMENT
NORTH SHORE HOTEL - LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT
BLIND FAITH RESTAURANT - INTERIORS
SCANDINAVIAN DESIGN - FAÇADE
FLORENCE AVENUE BUILDING - FACADE AND INTERIORS

Jul BENNETT JOHNSON ELECTED PRESIDENT OF BOARD.
PHIL PETERS FROM THE CITY ATTENDS MEETING, DE BOARD MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO COMPLETE QUESTIONNAIRE REGARDING THE LONG TERM DOWNTOWN PLAN.

Aug 12 NORTH SHORE HOTEL ASKS FOR DE TO "RE-PRESENT" AWARD AT THEIR ANNIVERSARY EVENT.

Aug 14 TO APPROACH LAWYERS OF THE ARTS FOR NOT-FOR-PROFIT STATUS.

Sep 11 RON KUSIAC OF EVANSTON INVENTURE PRESENTS THE RESEARCH PARK PLANS.

Sept 25 BENNETT JOHNSON PRESENTS NORTH SHORE HOTEL AWARD.

Oct 9 AMANDA JONES FROM "AMERICAN THE BEAUTIFUL" PRESENTS HOW THEIR PROGRAMMING IS TO PROCEED.

Oct 26 ARTS WEEK GALA PRESENTATION TO CITY. WATERFRONT LAGOON REMODELING

Nov 13 EVANSTON SIGNAGE ORDINANCE PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION - BRUCE HECKMAN, TESKA ASSOCIATES.

Dec 11 EVANSTON PLANNING DEPARTMENT PRESENTS THE EVANSTON CENTRAL DOWNTOWN PLAN. (INCLUDES RESULTS OF SURVEYS DONE IN JULY)

1987

Jan 15 BOOKMAN'S ALLEY TO BE NEW LOCATION FOR MONTHLY MEETINGS. JAY CAROW OF THE EVANSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD PRESENTS DISCUSSION ON THE "STATE OF THE LIBRARY". SLIDE PRESENTATION OF THE SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO PUBLIC LIBRARY BY BENNETT JOHNSON.

Feb 15 DONALD WIRTH, CITY OF EVANSTON, PRESENTS THE "EVANSTON WATERFRONT".

Mar 12 WORK SESSION TO PLAN A MEMBERSHIP EVENT.

Mar 25 WORK SESSION HELD AT CIVIC CENTER TO MAIL OUT EVANSTON RESEARCH PARK EVENING INVITATIONS

Apr 9 UNITARIAN CHURCH EXPANSION PRESENTATION. NOMINATING COMMITTEE FORMED FOR UPCOMING ELECTIONS.

May 14 NEW BOARD MEMBERS REVIEWED, DESIGN EVANSTON AWARD NOMINATIONS, JULY 4TH BANNER/CONTRIBUTIONS DISCUSSED.

Jun 11 BOARD MEMBERS ELECTED, NEW MEMBERS AND OFFICERS.

Jun 16 RESEARCH PARK/MASTER PLAN DESIGN CHARETTE HELD AT CIVIC CENTER, WELL ATTENDED. THE EVENING WAS FACILITATED BY DAVID JONES, PRESENTERS INCLUDED: JOHN LA MONTE, PERKINS & WILL AND ROBERT WINTER, CHARLES SHAW.

Jun 19 DE AWARDS PRESENTED AT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE LUNCHEON:
 BOOKMAN'S ALLEY - INTERIORS
 DAVID TRAVIS FLORIST - WINDOW AND INTERIOR DISPLAY
 COSTUMES UNLIMITED - DISPLAY (?)
 PROTEX - WINDOW DISPLAY/FACADE (?)

Jul 4 DE BANNER APPEARS IN PARADE!

Jul 9 PD BOX ESTABLISHED AT EVANSTON POST OFFICE #1583

Jul 30 WORK SESSION TO "SUMMARIZE" RESEARCH PARK EVENING.

Aug 13 STEVEN YAS PRESENTS THE 13 DIFFERENT PUBLIC LIBRARY SITE STUDIES AS DEVELOPED BY RAY GREEN ASSOCIATES. REVIEW OF MARSHALL FIELDS CONDO PLANS.

Sep 10 RESEARCH PARK SUMMARY - DRAFT REVIEW

Oct 8 ALTERNATIVE PLANS FOR THE RESEARCH PARK (HOW TO SAVE BUTLER BUILDING) PRESENTED BY STEVEN YAS. VISIT TO MARSHALL FIELDS CONDOS.

Nov 12 LOGO COMPETITION FOR DOWNTOWN EVANSTON - UPDATE BY JACK WEISS, AS RESULT OF DISCUSSION LETTER SENT TO IRA GOLAN AND BRUCE GOODMAN. POTENTIAL USE FOR LAKEASHLAND SITE (WHAT AFTER THE FIRE HOUSE?). BEGIN TO DEVELOP THOUGHTS FOR UNITED AIRLINES EVENING. UNITARIAN CHURCH MODEL AND RENDERINGS PRESENTED.

Nov 16 WORK SESSION FOR DE NEWSLETTER

Dec 10 "PURPLE PICKLE AWARDS" EVENING HELD AT BOOKMAN'S ALLEY.

1988

Jan 14 1987 SUMMARY OF DE ACTIVITIES, RESEARCH PARK SUMMARY, AND UNITED AIRLINES PRESENTATION/ INVITATION SENT TO GENERAL MEMBERSHIP. STEVEN YAS PRESENTS THE NEW IDEAS FOR THE PUBLIC GARAGE ON SHERMAN AND UPDATE OF LIBRARY PLANS GIVEN BY LIBRARY BOARD MEMBERS, INCLUDING STEVE PODOSKY AND DON WRIGHT.

Jan 29 UNITED AIRLINES TERMINAL, MARTIN WOLF - MURPHY/JAHN, PRESENTATION AT SHAND MORAHAN. APPROXIMATELY 45 IN ATTENDANCE.

Feb 10 ARRANGE TO UPDATE CHRONOLOGY, NEXT EVENING MEETING DISCUSSED, PERHAPS AN EVENING WITH LARRY PERKINS.

Feb 22 CHRONOLOGY WORK SESSION HELD AT CIVIC CENTER.

Dec 3 DE hosts a lecture by Larry Perkins at One Rotary Center auditorium. President Ben Johnson led post-lecture discussion.

1989

1990

1991

May 15 DE hosts Richard Whitaker, Evanston Public Library competition jury chairman, speaking about the competition. Members tour the Evanston Art Center to view competition submission winners and selected others.

1992

Feb 10 Member meeting at A. M. Kinney. New officers elected: Federico Vidargas, president; Shannon Sanders, secretary; and Sandy Eiger treasurer. Bennett Johnson presented a history of Design Evanston.

Sep 17 DE sponsors a charette focusing on the future of the Dawes Mansion. Kristan McKinsey, collections curator, leads a behind-the-scenes tour.

1993

Jan Federico Vidargas takes over as DE president.

Apr 14 Member meeting at the boardroom of Washington National. Terry Jenkins presented the agenda for the upcoming APA meeting in Evanston. DE to organize an exhibit.

May 12 Member meeting at Teska Associates. Suggestions for new officers/board were requested.

Jun 9 Member meeting. Bylaws changes discussed. Carlos Ruiz made a slide presentation about the role of the Preservation Commission.

Jul 14 Pot-luck member meeting at Bookman's Alley. Nominations for DE awards were made and discussed with a slide presentation.

Oct Revised Bylaws approved. Dave Galloway elected president, Jack Weiss, vice president, Shannon Sanders, secretary, and Sandy Eiger, treasurer. Other board members elected: Dick Carter, Hans Friedman, Jim Gamble, Ron Issacson, Terry Jenkins, Bennett Johnson, Carlos Ruiz, Bob Teska, and Stephen Yas.

Nov 16 At a DE meeting at the Unitarian Church, Joseph Powell and Jack Hartray spoke about plans for the new Evanston Library.

Dec 29 Holiday party at the Evanston Art Center. Pot-luck dinner and viewing slides of member offices best work.

1994

Apr 13 DE member meeting. Board meeting agenda included discussion of requirements for not-for-profit organization. Plans and timetable for 1994 DE Awards presented.

May 12 DE Board meeting. Subjects discussed: Goals & objectives; Membership; Communications; Future projects & events.

Oct 5 DE member meeting at the new Evanston Public Library. Tour of new facility provided by Library Director, Neal Ney.

1995

Sep 30 Pot-Luck Party at the Evanston Art Center. Members viewed slides of member office work. Sherman Avenue Façade Rehabilitation project proposal and Howard Street Visioning project were discussed.

1996

1997

1998

Mar 14 DE members participate in design charette that resulted in changes to the Church Street Plaza development of Arthur Hill.

May 20 DE member meeting at Mama Java's on Main Street. Topics include the Howard Street Redevelopment Project and the Downtown Development Project, new beachfront signage and fencing, facade renovations, Design Evanston Awards, Purple Pickle Awards.

Nov 18 DE member meeting. Members agreed to review appearance review ordinances from neighboring communities in an effort to outline general requirements.

Dec 2 Member meeting. Members reviewed and summarized information about appearance review with the intention of preparing recommendations to the city for binding appearance review. Discussed Hans Friedman's summary of the Site Plan Review Committee's draft for a binding appearance review ordinance.

Dec 23 Memo from president Dave Galloway summarizing discussions of past two DE meetings about binding appearance review and Church Street Plaza.

1999

Feb 17 DE member meeting. Members submitted written comments about the preliminary design presentation for Church Street Plaza. Chicago Avenue Corridor plans were reviewed. Discussion about study for proposed binding appearance review. Jack Weiss agreed to take over treasurer duties from Sandy Eiger.

2000

2001

May Design Evanston Awards given to 24 projects.

2002

2003

2004

May DE board meeting. Membership, funds, binding appearance review, secretary position, meetings, SPARC representation, events.

May 21 2003 Design Evanston Awards presented during Chamber of Commerce Luncheon at the Best Western Hotel.

Jun 7 DE Special Meeting: DE Awards, SPARC meetings, DE meetings, exhibits, and special projects.

Jul 14 DE member meeting called by Dave Galloway. Agenda topics: City Hall - rehabilitation or relocation? - Andy Pigozzi; City PUD and project review, appearance standards - Jeanne Lindwall, Laurie Marston; City Marina Proposal and Feasibility study - Diane Korling; College students design project - Federico Vidargas; Arts week, Design Evanston 20th anniversary - Oct 7th - Gallery Mornea - Laura Saviano; 2004 Design Awards - Dave

Galloway; AIA Convention - The expanding role of architects in society - Dave Galloway; New Membership Strategy - Federico Vidargas, Dave Galloway, Jack Weiss; Liaisons with other community organizations - Dave Galloway; Secretary position - Dave Galloway; Membership dues are due now! \$40.00 - send to Jack Weiss. Room 3650 City Hall.

- Oct 7 DE sponsors Quality Design, a panel discussion at Gallery Mornea on what constitutes "quality design" for Evanston. Panelists include architects Carol Ross Barney, Edward Keegan, and John Syvertsen.
- Nov 10 DE member meeting called by Dave Galloway. Agenda items: Discussion of the Mornea Gallery Event; Future venues of a similar sort; Our position on City Design Review; Membership; Members assuming active roles on City Commissions and Gov.; Future events in conjunction with Gallery Mornea; Field Trips and other more social occasions. Room 2403 City Hall.
- 2005
- Jan 19 Member meeting. Discussion items include: Meeting with new City Manager, Julia Carroll; Review of Quality Design event; DE Awards; Membership; Website; Treasury; Officer positions - Jack Weiss assuming both VP and Treasurer positions. Continue to operate without a Secretary.
- Feb 16 Member meeting agenda: Membership dues; Questions for meeting with new City Manager, Julia Carroll; Issues about Quality Design event. 2005 DE Awards; City Hall relocation; Website. Room 3650 City Hall.
- Apr 20 Member meeting. Agenda 042005; John Kennedy query about DE assistance in pushing for restoration of the Civic Center. Room 3650 City Hall.
- Jun 2 DE Sponsors Quality Design 2, a panel discussion on what constitutes "quality design" and how can Evanston best achieve it. John McCarron, Chicago Tribune, moderator. Held at the McCormick Tribune Center Forum on the NWU campus.
- Jun 25 DE conducts Development Preference Survey at Fountain Square Art Festival under the direction of Jeanne Lindwall. Results of survey published in Evanston RoundTable.
- Jul 13 Jack Weiss inquires about DE not-for-profit status with the Illinois Secretary of State. Office confirms that the organization is not in either the current or historic database.
- Jul 20 Member meeting agenda: Summary of QD2; Summary of Fountain Sq Art Fair Booth: Attendance, Points of interest, Questionnaire results; Membership update, incentives, corporate memberships; Alliances; City Managers goals, objectives, challenges and fears; Appearance review changes; Design Awards; Future Events; Finances and Funding Sources. Room 3650 Civic Center.
- Aug 4 Jack Weiss and Dave Galloway attend a Lawyers for the Creative Arts (LCA) workshop to prepare applications for Illinois not-for-

profit status (NFP) and 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status with the IRS.

- Sep 2 State of Illinois approves DE Articles of Not For Profit Incorporation after deleting reference in Bylaws, "to offer professional guidance to those who make or invest in design decisions."
- Dec 6 Member meeting. Appearance Review processes in other municipalities reviewed. Twenty-plus nominations for Design Awards, including projects for the "Purple Pickle" Award, discussed. Room 3650 City Hall.
- 2006
- Jan 25 Member meeting agenda: Review of two major projects: 1. 510 N. Sheridan Road - Major multi-family Condo development - existing building at the intersection of Sheridan and South Blvd. (50's blue/grey apt. bldg. that backs onto the cemetery) will come down. 2. Chicago Ave. and Davis Street - Major Optima Mixed Use dev. where Active Endeavors is and adjacent stone storefront bldg. is to the east. 501c3 application has been sent. Grant request to Driehaus Foundation nearly complete.
- Jan 29 DE issues recommendations to City's management consultant on ways in which the City's development review process could be improved.
- Feb 8 DE member Jim Torvek presents DE comments about proposed Optima building at Chicago & Davis to the Plan Commission.
- Mar 22 DE Board meeting at Noyes Street Café. Goals for coming year include reviewing developer projects; Testifying before the Plan Comissin; Design Evanston Awards. Finances, Membership, Board issues discussed.
- Apr 6 DE announces twenty-two 2005 Design Evanston Awards at the Music Institute of Chicago. In addition, six "Purple Pickle" (bad project) awards are named. Evanston RoundTable publishes a full-page color display of the awards.
- May 18 Member meeting. Discussion of the Virchow/Krause Report to the City. Room 3650 City Hall.
- Oct 26 DE co-sponsors the presentation "Learning from Curitiba" with the Evanston Environment Board. Curitiba Brazil is one of the most environmentally-friendly cities in the world.
- Dec 16 Additional materials submitted to the IRS in application for 501c3 tax exempt status.
- 2007
- Jan Bob Teska publishes "Downtown Evanston Revitalized", an online history of the revitalization of downtown Evanston, including Design Evanston's role.
- Jan 30 Member meeting. Susan Gutterly of the City's Planning Department presented the Master Plan for West Evanston. Members reviewed Cyrus project for West Evanston. Room 3650 City Hall.

Mar 28 DE board meets with City Manager, Julia Carroll, to discuss community development, "Tower" project, and master plan for public art.

Apr 10 Having had difficulty trying to convince the IRS of our suitability for 501c3, Bill Rattner of Lawyers for the Creative Arts recommended that we contact Rick Sevcik of Bell Boyd & Lloyd for pro bono legal services to assist in our application.

May 24 Lawyer advises complete rewrite of Purpose Article of the Bylaws to qualify for 501c3. Purposes to include instructing the public on architectural topics and lessening the burdens of government.

Jul 9 DE member meeting. Topics include approval of revised Bylaws to facilitate 501c3 and DE Awards. Room 3650 City Hall.

Aug 7 Member meeting to participate in a pre-Plan Commission review of the Klutznick/Anderson "Evanston Tower" proposal for downtown Evanston. Stephen Yas to moderate. Room 3650 City Hall.

2008

Feb 7 IRS grants DE 501c3 tax exempt status.

Mar 5 DE members participate in a design workshop for a proposed apartment project by Amli Development at Chicago and Kedzie. Workshop held at Teska Associates.

Jul 26 DE tours Crabtree Farm, John Bryant's Arts & Crafts collection, in Lake Bluff.

Aug 30 DE applies for \$5,000 grant from the Driehaus Foundation for development of our website.

Sep 24 DE tours JRC synagogue, designed by Carol Ross Barney, the first platinum LEED certified synagogue in the country.

Sep 30 Jeanne Lindwall resigns from board to run (unsuccessfully) for Mayor.

Oct 8 Driehaus Foundation grants \$5,000 to DE for design of our website.

Nov 18 DE tours the marketing showrooms for The Chicago Spire, the Santiago Calatrava-designed residential tower.

Dec 7 DE attends "Blueprints to Our Past", the virtual computer-based tour of the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition at the Museum of Science & Industry.

2009

Jan 21 DE sponsors screening of the film "Helvetica" at the Evanston Public Library.

Feb New DE logo, stationery, and web applications designed by Jack Weiss.

Jun 30 DE tours Crown Fountain at Millenium Park. Tour led by Ed Uhler of Millenium Park Inc. and Mark Sexton, of Kreuck Sexton.

Jun 6 DE tours Mies van de Rohe's Farnsworth House in Plano, Illinois. Lunch at Kendall Pub in Yorkville afterward.

Aug Jack Weiss elected president, Dave Galloway, vice president, Federico Vidargas, treasurer, Laura Saviano, director.

Sept DE website launched. Funding supplied by a \$5,000 grant from the Driehaus Foundation.

Oct 10 DE and Evanston History Center sponsor BurnhamFest, a tour of Burnham's Evanston neighborhood and viewing of Burnham in Evanston exhibition at EHC.

Oct Tom Hofmaier replaces Federico Vidargas as treasurer.

Oct 30 DE board meets with Evanston's new City Manager, Wally Bobkiewicz and Interim Director of Community Development, Dennis Marino to explore ways in which to collaborate.

Dec 11 DE board meets with Carolyn Dellutri, Exec Dir, Downtown Evanston, and Jonathan Perman, Exec Dir, Ev Chamber of Commerce to discuss renewal of collaborative efforts.

2010

Jan 8 DE board meets with Steve Rogin, owner of the Varsity Theater and Carolyn Dellutri, Downtown Evanston, to tour the Theater and discuss how DE can help Steve re-develop the theater as a performing arts center.

Apr 19 Chronology updated to 2010 by Jack Weiss, reconstructed from archive hardcopies and email files.

Apr 20 DE conducts member meeting at Bookman's Alley, host of many earlier DE events. 2010 programs announced.

May 5 Two bankers boxes of DE files are donated to the Evanston History Center. Curator Erin Hagness acknowledges receipt.

May 10 DE sends a letter of commitment to the city in support of the NEA grant application for a project to evaluate the reuse of the Varsity Theater.

May 22 DE hosts a tour of three "green" homes designed by Evanston architects: Andy Spatz, Nate Kipnis, and Ellen Galland.

Jun 12 DE members and guests enjoyed a docent-led tour of Van Doren Shaw's historic landmark home, Ragdale, now an active arts community.

July 17 DE members and guests toured the Illinois Holocaust Museum through the informed eyes of Harold DiVito, project manager for architect, Stanley Tigerman.

Oct 14 125 people attended the Design Evanston Awards presentation at the Music Institute of Chicago. Out of 47 nominations, the jury selected 21 Award winners in a variety of categories from new construction to planning and landscape design.

2011

Mar 14 DE initiated a Design Film Series. Due to copyright issues the films could only be shown in a "private" setting to members and guests only. Teska Associates provided the venue. The first film, Infinite Space, traced the lifelong quest of visionary architect, John Lautner.

Mar 28 Design Film Series 2 featured Lost Buildings and Typeface. In Lost Buildings, Chris Ware and Tim Samuelson reflect on Chicago's lost architecture. Typeface explored the twilight of an analog craft that is freshly inspiring artists in a digital age.

Apr 11 Design Film Series 3 featured Liquid Assets, a film about the critical role that our water infrastructure plays in protecting public health and promoting economic prosperity.

Apr 14 DE members met at the UIC Library for the opening reception of Illustrated Architecture Books, an exhibit commemorating 500 years of architecture books. An informal dinner in Greektown followed.

Apr 25 Objectified, the last film in the Design Film Series, produced by Gary Hastwit of "Helvetica" fame, was a conversation that looked at consumerism, identity, and sustainability.

May 21 In an event co-sponsored by Design Evanston and the Preservation League of Evanston, eighteen people toured three buildings on the NWU Evanston Campus with docent Andrew McGonigle, project manager at NW's Design & Construction Department. Annie May Swift, Harris Hall, and Crowe Hall have all received Design Evanston Awards. A wine and cheese reception followed at McCormick Tribune Center.

Jun 11 DE members, guests and friends traveled to Plano, IL to see Mies's 1951 masterpiece and Lumenhaus, a contemporary competition winner inspired by Farnsworth House.

July 12 DE members participated in a review of the proposed LEED Silver "Chicago & Main" mixed-use retail and office project. Developer, John O'Donnell, leasing partner, Drew Neiman, and architect Don Copper of GREC Architects participated. DE Vice President, Dave Galloway moderated the discussion.

Oct 20 25 members and guests attended QD3: Realistic Sustainable Design for Evanston, held at the North Shore Hotel. Panelists included City Planner Janet L. Attarian, City of Chicago; Developer Michael Tobin, U.S. Equities Reality; and Architect Richard Wilson, SOM. DE member Len Koroski, Goettsch Partners, moderated the discussion.

2012

May 25 Five DE members and guests shared an intimate tour of Lakeside,

the SOM master planned community at the former 500-acre U.S. Steel Southworks site. Our tour guide was Nasutsa Mabwa, Project Manager of Development for McCaffery Interests.

- June 21 DE members met with Trader Joe's developers and architects to provide professional expertise and opinions on their project planned for Chicago Avenue.
- June 23 18 members and friends toured the South Quads on the NWU Evanston campus with docent Andrew McGonigle, project manager at NWU's Design & Construction Department, and the project architects. A wine and cheese reception followed at Scott Hall courtyard.
- June 23 Design Evanston members held an impromptu street party to celebrate the replacement of the Dempster and Grove Street CTA viaducts.
- August 2 15 members toured the Wright's Roots exhibition at Expo72. The exhibition's curator, Tim Samuelson, Chicago's Cultural Historian, was the group's personal guide. Dinner and discussion followed at Pisano's Restaurant.
- 2013
- May 9 19 members and friends toured the "Drawing the Future" exhibition at the Block Gallery. Curator David Van Zanten guided the group through the exhibition and was our guest for dinner at Dave's Italian Kitchen.
- June 6 "Evanston: 150 Years, 150 Places" was finished and sent to the printer. Book committee members Stuart Cohen, Kris Hartzell, Heidi Hoppe, Laura Saviano and Jack Weiss spent nearly 2 years reviewing nominations, researching and writing the book. Heidi served as editor, Jack as designer/photographer.
- June 27 The book launch was very successful with 50-60 people in attendance along with the media. We had over \$800 in sales of hardbound and softbound books. Mayor Tisdahl, City Manager Bobkiewicz and State Rep Robyn Gabel were in attendance. First Bank & Trust helped to finance the project and hosted the event.
- June 28 Design Evanston was invited to sell our book at the State Preservation Conference in Evanston. During the two-day event we had an additional \$500 in book sales.
- Aug 27 A dozen Evanston residents attended our book presentation at the Evanston Public Library. The one-hour presentation was followed by a half-hour Q&A. The entire event was filmed by ECTV and can now be seen on YouTube at
- Sept 25 13 members and friends toured the new "Net Zero Energy" Walgreens in South Evanston, a prototype for all new Walgreens stores worldwide. Walgreens architect Jamie Meyers and engineer Jason Robbins led the tour.
- Oct 12 8 members and friends joined DE member Craig Soncrant of Wolff Landscape Architecture on a tour of Graceland Cemetery's landscape plans and features.

- Oct 16 The authors of "Evanston: 150 Years 150 Places" made a presentation to 30-50 people attending the Chicago Architecture Foundation Lunchtime Lecture. A book signing followed.
- 2014
- Jan 27 8 members welcomed Don Copper of GREC Architects to review their mixed-use project for Main and Chicago. 88% of those present endorsed the project.
- March 10 Jack Weiss, on behalf of Design Evanston, spoke to the City Council in support of the Chicago/Main project by GREC Architects. Positive aspects of transit-oriented development were presented.
- April 7 27 members and friends toured the Chicago Avenue Walgreens to see the back-of-house mechanicals. The facility is already generating enough energy to put some back into the grid.
- June 14 12 riders joined Laura Saviano who led a bike tour of Evanston's lakefront. Two more bike tours and walking tours are planned this summer, all based on "places" in our book, "Evanston: 150 Years 150 Places".
- June 21 6 members and friends toured the McCormick Place rooftop garden. At half an acre it is the Midwest's largest and produces over 4,000lbs of produce each season – sold to McCormick Place restaurants and others in the city.
- June 27 One year after its launch, our book has generated nearly \$7,800 in sales thru our website, CAF, Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Evanston History Center, City Clerk's office, First Bank, Main Street News Stand, Downtown Evanston, and other North Shore book stores.
- July 26 After a rain cancellation of the July 12 ride, three riders participated in the South Evanston bike tour based on our "Evanston" book.
- Aug 14 30y members and friends of Design Evanston toured 921 Ridge Avenue, a home under reconstruction for many years by product designer Rene Weiss and now for sale by host, @Properties.
- Sept 17 A start-up committee was convened by Jack Weiss to promote the idea of Open House Evanston based on positive feedback from our book and the success of Open House Chicago. Design Evanston will take the lead along with the Evanston Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Evanston, Evanston Community Foundation, City of Evanston and North Shore Convention & Visitors Bureau. Garrett Karp, director of Open House Chicago, provided an overview of the event.
- Sept 18 Authors of "Evanston: 150 Years 150 Places" made a presentation to thirty Evanston citizens and members of North Shore Village at the Evanston Public Library. A book signing followed.
- Sept 27 11 riders joined Heidi Hoppe who led a bike tour of North Evanston based on our "Evanston" book.

Oct 14 Sales of our book have nearly reached the break-even point of \$12,500. A third edition is being planned.

Oct 19 21 people joined Kris Hartzell on two walks of Downtown Evanston based on our "Evanston" book.

Dec 1 At a meeting of the Open House Evanston committee Garrett Karp of the Chicago Architecture Foundation confirmed that OHC will incorporate Evanston in its venues October 17-18, 2015. Design Evanston will pare down its list of probable venues for further review.

Dec 7 Authors of "Evanston: 150 Years 150 Places" made a presentation to twelve members and friends at Bookends & Beginnings.

2015

June 18 90 award winners, their design teams, members and other guests attended the 2015 Design Evanston Awards gala at the Music Institute of Chicago. Twenty-one awards were presented.

June 27 7 members and friends enjoyed a two-garden tour of the Aqua rooftop garden and Maggie Daley Park with the lead designers of both projects.

July 15 6 members and friends joined Jack Weiss who led a bike tour of South Evanston based on our "Evanston" book.

Aug 7 President Jack Weiss announced to the 100+ Design Evanston list that Open House Chicago will include Evanston in its October 2015 venues. A request was made for volunteers to man the 14 Evanston sites.

Aug 19 5 members and friends joined Heidi Hoppe who led a bike tour of North Evanston based on our "Evanston" book.

Sept 16 5 members and friends joined Kris Hartzell who led a walking tour of Downtown Evanston based on our "Evanston" book.

Oct 17-18 An estimated 17,000 site visits were recorded during the first Open House Chicago event held outside the Chicago borders. Design Evanston was the lead sponsor of the event.

Oct 24 8 members and friends joined Andrew Vesselinovitch of Ross Barney Architects on a rain-drenching, windy tour of the 606 Trail.

2016

Jan 29 30 members and friends attended the Stone Terrace B&B Open House. Paul Janicki, project architect led special tours for DE attendees.

Mar 10 42 members and friends celebrated Design Evanston's 35th anniversary at the Evanston Art Center. Bob Teska was awarded "Fellow" for his foresight and passion in creating an effective not-for-profit design organization.

- April 30 68 members and the public toured the in-process restoration of the Oscar Mayer House, led by owners Jim Kastenholtz and Scott Hargadon.
- May 10 28 people attended the Lit Fest presentation of "Evanston: 150 Years 150 Places" by the five DE authors.
- May 26 17 people attended Richard Lanyon's book launch, "Draining Chicago" at the Evanston Public Library.
- June 2 40 members of Design Evanston and Landmarks Illinois toured the nearly restored Van Bergen house moved from Wilmette to Evanston in 2014-2015.
- June 16 Members of the DE board met with Mark Muenzer, Director of Community Development and Damir Latinovic, Division Manager of Planning & Zoning, to reaffirm our commitment to working with the city to address important design issues.
- June 18 15 members toured Carl Street Studios on West Burton Place with guide Zac Bleicher and hosts Amy Keller and Karen Kromrei. An informal dinner followed at Dinotto's.
- June 25 44 members and the public attended the second Oscar Mayer House Tour. Owner Jim Kastenholtz and architect John Eifler led the tours.
- July 5 7 members met with Greg DeStefano of GDS Companies to review his latest revised proposal for the 824-828 Noyes Street apartment project and, following his presentation, endorsed it.
- July 27 13 members, including three presenters, enjoyed an intimate evening of photographs, food and drink celebrating Cuba at the home of Anne McGuire and Sergio de los Reyes.
- July 28 The DE Board issued a report to the City's Parks/Forestry Project Manager offering a critique of the proposed Fountain Square redesign.
- Sept 8 Project Manager Deborah Burkhart led 22 members and guests on a tour of Northwestern's Ryan Center for the Musical Arts designed by Goettsch Partners.
- Oct 15-16 DE was again the lead organizer for the second Open House Chicago event in Evanston. In the most successful OHC yet, 100,000 attendees visited 213 sites in Chicago, Evanston and Oak Park.

2017

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