

**SOUTH EAST LAKEVIEW NEIGHBORS (SELVN)**

**General Meeting**

**9 March 2015**

**Second Unitarian Church,**

**656 West Barry St., Chicago IL**

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**MINUTES**

**1) WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION, President Jan Sumrall**

- a) The March SELVN General Meeting was called to order by President Sumrall at 7:06 PM with approximately 16 current members (including 9 members of the Board), and representatives of the Alderman's office and the Night Ministry.
- b) Board members were introduced.

**2) BOARD MEETING February 10, 2015 - Update - Jan Sumrall**

- a) There is \$4,183,38 in SELVN's bank account.
- b) SELVN received a large influx of new members in the fall. The Board unanimously proved the following modification to the Bylaws regarding the definition of a Quorum. Quorums shall be calculated as follows:
  - i) 15% of the first 100 members must be present for a quorum
  - ii) 10% of the next 100 members must be present for a quorum
  - iii) 5% of membership above 201 must be present for a quorum
- c) Due to other commitments Mike Demetriou is being replaced by John Yociss on the WalMart Advisory Committee. The Alderman's office has agreed to the replacement.
- d) York Chan has been working on the Wild Apricot site. The completion has been delayed as there is no way to transfer the addresses over on the iContacts, other than entering all contacts by hand, slowing the switchover.

**3) WALMART ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING – UPDATE, President Jan Sumrall**

- a) Erin Duffy, Richard Eastline, Jan Sumrall & John Yociss attended the most recent meeting.
- b) The current manager has been transferred to a new location. WalMart is looking for a replacement.

- c) This store currently employs
  - i) 115 associates
    - (1) 55 full time/part-time; (i.e., a consistent, part-time schedule) ;
    - (2) 60 part-time/part-time employees (variable, part-time schedule);
  - ii) 9 salaried managers
- d) WalMart is instituting the increase in the minimum wage for all associates.
- e) There have been no reports of parking problems or trucks blocking the streets
- f) Rat abatement program is ongoing
- g) Next meeting is April 30<sup>th</sup> (so new manager can attend)
- h) Community Support
  - i) They have done a lot of back-to-school donation programs.
  - ii) The store manager has discretion for donations up to \$1,000. Beyond that amount, approvals must be made at a higher level
  - iii) Robert Thebe (HR) has authority to give out larger amounts.
- 4) **44<sup>th</sup> WARD UPDATE, 44th Ward Update - Erin Duffy, Director of Community Outreach - Office of Alderman Tom Tunney**
  - a) Ald. Tunney hosting his annual Recycling and Shredding Day on Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> from 9 – noon at the Alderman’s office (3223 N. Sheffield)
    - i) Document shredding
    - ii) Small electronics recycling
  - b) April 7<sup>th</sup> Election
    - i) Early voting for will start Monday, March 23 thru Saturday April 4
    - ii) Absentee ballots must be applied for prior to April 2.
  - c) SELVN Area Developments:
    - i) Senza’s owners are changing the space to a new concept - Wheat’s End Café with 100% gluten-free baked goods from Wheat’s End Artisan Foods. Hours will be weekday mornings 9am – noon and Sunday brunch from 10 am – 2 pm.  
<http://www.wheatsend.com/wheats-end-cafe-chicago-gluten-free/>
    - ii) Stan’s Donuts taking over old Jamba Juice on Clark – opening sometime in June.  
<http://chicago.eater.com/2014/12/16/7402339/stans-donuts-lakeview>

- iii) Iliana Regan of Elizabeth fame is opening ‘Bunny the micro bakery’ at 2928 N. Broadway <http://www.bunnythemicrobakery.com/>
  - iv) Nando’s PERi PERi South African Chicken is going into the Michael Diversey’s space at 670 W. Diversey (near Half Shell)  
<http://www.nandosperiperi.com/news/201411/nandos-bringing-peri-peri-chicken-chicago>
    - (1) John Yociss questioned whether the dumpsters in front of Michael have been appropriately permitted. Erin to advise.
  - v) The old Hanig’s space will become Teavana, (owned by Starbucks)  
<http://www.teavana.com/>
  - vi) Roots Pizza (Clark south of Wellington) still in for permitting – they hope to start construction this spring <http://www.rootspizza.com/>
- d) Questions & Comments from SELVN
- i) 508 W. Diversey – no news yet – but they have demolished the Far East restaurant
  - ii) Katrina noted that all of the businesses in the stretch of Clark between Duke of Perth & Surf – have vacated in the past few months. Erin to investigate why and advise on what has transpired. *Post-meeting update by the Alderman’s office:*
    - (1) *Carissima Salon decided to close the business and go into a new direction. Tony will be involved with the opening of a blow-out bar on Broadway next to Sage Boutique (micro in size).*
  - iii) Erin was unaware of any update on either the progress of Glaze (which has a permit in the window) or any activity on the Melanthios space (along Broadway) *Post-meeting update by the Alderman’s office:*
    - (1) *Glaze Teriyaki Grill (3112 N. Broadway) had contractor issues with the build out but should be open in April.*
    - (2) *The old Greek Restaurant on Broadway (Melanthios) is currently under contract---but no lease is signed yet. It is an Italian restaurant concept, but that’s all that can be shared at this time.*
  - iv) Katrina Cairo noted that the Zoning notice was received in the mail today for the parking variance is for the Roots Pizza (old Bucca de Beppo space) on Clark – to reduce parking from 21 to 18 parking spaces.
  - v) Katie Merrell asked if SELVN’s involvement in the parking study had been confirmed for the Diversey developments, as discussed with Alderman Tunney at last month’s meeting (i.e., implementation of a Community-based Traffic Advisory Committee, which Katie Merrell volunteered to participate in).
    - (1) Developer allowed SELVN to act as the ‘owner’
    - (2) Participate in developing the underlying assumptions and study structure

- (3) Jan Sumrall expressed concern that the Market Place Development didn't have either the 506 Diversey or Walgreen's developments in their traffic study (prepared by KLOA). Ald. Smith is supposed to have KLOA revise their study to reflect the items noted above.
  - (4) The intersection of Diversey/Broadway/Clark is currently rated as "E". Katie and Anil requested that options, like the 'scramble' intersection at Jackson/State be considered as options to improve this intersection – and not just accept it as a failed intersection.
  - vi) Clark Street Revitalization is still 'in progress' – Erin will check with Sougata Deb sits on that board. Erin believes they are in need of further funding.
  - vii) Katrina Cairo noted that the Lurie Children's shuttles run 3 times per hour with a stop at the Lakeview Health Clinic. The shuttles drive on both Wellington & Oakdale, and do not appear to follow speed limits. Katrina says she has called Children's numerous times, but has not been able to connect with someone. Katrina would prefer the shuttles use Wellington, rather than Oakdale (west of Clark) as there are more signals to manage the traffic. Katie also observed many large, commercial trucks travelling along Oakdale in recent months.
  - viii) John Yociss noted that the St. Joseph's Hospital construction has been well managed.
- 5) **OLD BUSINESS - Broadway Your Center - Renewal of the Special Use Permit with the Zoning Board of Appeals - Status Update - Jan Sumrall**
- a) BYC will be appearing for a one-year renewal of their Special Use at the Zoning Board of Appeals on March 20<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm
- 6) **NEW BUSINESS - None**
- 7) **ANNOUNCEMENTS –**
- a) Refer to back of Agenda
  - b) Jan Sumrall's telephone number is on back of agenda. Please let Jan know if you want BYC added to the agenda or if you have any issues for the WalMart Advisory Committee.
- 8) **FUTURE MEETINGS**
- The next SELVN General Meeting is scheduled for 7:00 PM on Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup>.**
- SELVN Meeting Schedule:** Second Monday of each month
- Upcoming 2015 Meetings:** May 11, June 8, July 13, August 10, September 14, October 12, November 9 and December 14.
- 9) **MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:40 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Voshel

Secretary, SELVN