

**SOUTH EAST LAKEVIEW NEIGHBORS (SELVN)**

**General Meeting**

**13 April 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 7:01 PM with approximately 27 current members (including 12 members of the Board), 3 non-members including representatives of the Alderman's office and the DNA Info
- b) Board members were introduced.

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

- a) Status Quo remains relative to employee count, truck traffic and rodent control.
- b) The only change is the current manager is moving to a new location and the store will be getting a new manager. The Committee's will convene on April 30<sup>th</sup> to meet the new manager.
- c) Charitable Giving:
  - i) They store manager is authorized to donate up to \$1,000 to a not-for profit.
  - ii) Ideas from SELVN:
    - (1) Public Education
    - (2) Community Garden

**3) 44<sup>th</sup> WARD UPDATE, 44th Ward Update - Erin Duffy, Director of Community Outreach - Office of Alderman Tom Tunney**

- a) SELVN Area Developments:
  - i) Mariano's
    - (1) The developer will be conducting on-site rodent abatement until foundations are complete. If neighbors experience problems, they should call the Alderman's office or 311.
    - (2) The developer will be preparing a project website. The Alderman's office will advise when the website is 'live'.

- ii) A Lakeview Community Garden Meeting will be led Wednesday April 15 6:30 at Merlo Library.
  - iii) Wrigley Field Noise:
    - (1) The new sound system is creating more noise within the community. The sound is being monitored by the Cubs at each game and adjustments are being made. The Alderman's office believes it's getting better (i.e., adjustments are being made to the system). Advise the Alderman's office if you are still having problems with noise.
  - iv) CLVN and CLVM presents outdoor summer movies, all shown at dusk at Hawthorne School. This year's movies will be June 19: Paddington, July 18: Big Hero 6, August 16: Mary Poppins
  - v) A 'Community Kitchen' will be going into the old House of Fine Chocolates space on Broadway. The Community Kitchen will provide shared space for small businesses to cook in a commercial kitchen. They are working to obtain building permits and hope to have them in the next week or two.
  - vi) The former Walgreen's space and Panera Cares are currently looking for pop-up or longer short-term tenants
    - (1) The new development won't be starting construction for another next 12 to 14 months. It is not clear if the Planned Development needs to be revised or if it is still valid.
  - vii) Roots Pizza (Clark south of Wellington) still in for permitting – they hope to start construction this spring <http://www.rootspizza.com/>
- b) Questions & Comments from SELVN Membership:
- i) What is happening at the 2950 N. Sheridan site? Wirtz Realty is still revising their plans for the vacant land at 2950 Sheridan – and should be presenting to SELVN at the May meeting.
  - ii) Pride Parade: How prepared is the ward for the coming Pride Parade? A discussion of issues for the past 2 years at the CAPS meetings doesn't seem to change anything. Who organizes the parade – do they do it for profit? Why isn't there more transparency?
    - (1) There have been several meetings (with both Alderman Cappleman & Tunney) and conversations about moving it downtown. At this time they are waiting on Mayoral feedback.
    - (2) There will be revisions, regardless of where the parade takes place, to address concerns related to public drinking, crime, property damage, emergency vehicles, and other issues OEMC is concerned about. The Alderman's office should have an update in the next couple of weeks.

- iii) Is there an update on the vacancies from Oakdale to Surf on the east side of Clark Street?
  - (1) Carissima Salon closed and intends to open a blow-out bar on the east side of Broadway (next to Sage).
  - (2) John Livaditus purchased the building along Clark St.
  - (3) Four Sided purchased the business condo next to its store.
  - (4) There have been no new leases signed, as far as Maureen Martino (Lakeview East Chamber of Commerce) is aware

#### 4) **TRAFFIC REPORT STUDY**

- a) Katie Merrell & Anil Kashyap prepared an outline of how Traffic Studies should be prepared within SELVN. The outline was included with the agenda.
- b) Erin Duffy noted that the Alderman is supportive of SELVN's implementation of a community-based Traffic Advisory Committee, which Katie Merrell volunteered to participate in.
- c) Jan Sumrall noted that the KLOA Traffic Engineers prepared the traffic studies for both the Market Place and 502-508 W. Diversey developments; however there were inconsistencies between the two reports as noted below.
  - i) Market Place Traffic Study
    - (1) Alderman Smith said that the traffic study was going to be revised, but nothing has been posted to her website.
    - (2) The study area consisted only of Hampden Ct from Diversey to Wrightwood. It excluded the following developments
      - (a) 508 W. Diversey,
      - (b) Walgreens and
      - (c) Inn on Lincoln Park
    - (3) Included a 'means of transportation' by age with a census data chart
  - ii) 502-508 W. Diversey Traffic Study
    - (1) Study area included the intersection of Clark/Broadway/Diversey down to Sheridan, as well as Cannon Drive and Lakeview
    - (2) Percentile Cumulative existing volume report was included in the 502-508 study but not in Market Place's traffic study.
    - (3) Excluded Walgreens development

(4) No census data chart

iii) Community Comments

(1) Traffic Data seems to be taken on a Tuesday/Thursday, rather than on a weekend, when the traffic is heaviest

(2) John Rafkin:

(a) It is not acceptable for Market Place Study to not include the Clark / Broadway / Diversey intersection.

(3) Who defines what type of criteria are used in CDOT traffic studies?

(a) Anne Voshel noted that CDOT has an approved list of traffic consultants they utilize. CDOT utilizes outside consultants to review traffic studies.

(4) What if there is the type of Study we want, which shows that the combined impact of all surrounding developments will result in the paralysis of an intersection --- would the City disallow the development?

(a) Anne Voshel noted that CDOT views the Loop as a pedestrian environment, where rapid transit, not private vehicular traffic, is prioritized. An example would be the intersection of State/Jackson where an all-way pedestrian crossing (AKA Pedestrian Scramble) has been put in place, with limitations on vehicular turning motions. More information on this traffic management option is discussed in the following link.

[http://www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/depts/cdot/provdrs/ped/news/2013/may/city\\_to\\_pilot\\_all-waypedestriancrossinglaunchtrafficsafetycampai.html](http://www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/depts/cdot/provdrs/ped/news/2013/may/city_to_pilot_all-waypedestriancrossinglaunchtrafficsafetycampai.html)

Rather than disallowing a development, SELVN would expect that the City might impose traffic signalization and other traffic solutions.

(5) There is no need to formally adopt the recommendations; however SELVN recommends that the Traffic subcommittee be formed. Katie Merrill has offered to participate in the committee. Others with an interest should advise Jan Sumrall of their interest.

(6) How are traffic counts measured?

(a) Traffic engineers utilize pneumatic road tubes for temporary studies to study a sample of traffic. An article regarding the accuracy of pneumatic tube counters can be found at the following link.

<http://www.westernite.org/annualmeetings/alaska11/Compendium/Moderated%20Session%20Papers/8C-Patrick%20McGowen.pdf>

(b) What is the appropriate method for counting pedestrian traffic? Use Land Strategies – someone actually stands on the corner all day long.

- (7) Concern was expressed by a number of community members for pedestrian / vehicular interface. Concern was noted due to inconsistent systems of crosswalks –both drivers & pedestrians are confused by the intermediate/mid-block cross walks, although some community members expressed appreciation for the in-street crosswalk signs that hold up traffic mid-block.

5) **OLD BUSINESS –**

a) **BROADWAY YOUTH CENTER “BYC”**

- i) BYC’s Zoning Board of Appeals hearing was held March 20. BYC obtained a 1 year renewal of their special use permit to operate on Wellington.
- ii) BYC will eventually be moving to the Howard Brown Center on the 4000 block of Sheridan.

6) **NEW BUSINESS - None**

a) **Lakeview East Chamber of Commerce Update – Maureen Martino:**

- i) LVECC will be updating pedestrian counts this summer – they typically do counts at the Broadway / Diversey / Clark intersection. SELVN to advise if there are other locations they would like pedestrian counts.
- ii) Developments in our Ward
  - (1) Clark Street Revitalization – looking for ways to finance streetscape improvements. The group is looking at ways to provide outdoor dining
  - (2) Micro bakery Bunny Bakery in old adult bookstore
  - (3) Robert Jeffrey will be moving his salon to the old Universal Gear store at 3142 Broadway at Briar (next to Dry Hop) -
  - (4) Public art: Want to activate the alley behind Walgreens and Walmart with mural work and way-finding signage to get people from Broadway through to Clark
  - (5) LVCC is planning a Friday night concert on September 11 in conjunction with the East Lake View Arts Festival September 12 - 13.
  - (6) May 17 (Sunday after Mother’s Day): LVECC has teamed up with local businesses to present the first Lakeview East Health and Wellness Day. The event will include a walkable exercise circuit.
  - (7) Melanthios – 2 restaurants are interested in the space. 1 Italian restaurant that is well financed as well as another restaurant. No leases have been signed
  - (8) How does the Clark/Wellington Bookstore get to exist in the status he has? – Maureen doesn’t know.

- (9) The LVECC Newsletter is sent out every 2 weeks. You can sign up to receive the newsletter at <http://www.lakevieweast.com/email-newsletter/>
- (10) The Belmont Theatre District has a website [www.btdchicago.com](http://www.btdchicago.com) with 16 theatres on the site.
  - (a) While Lakeview would like to keep Timeline in Lakeview, Timeline has outgrown their space. They are competing, along with a number of other bidders, for the Trumbull Elementary School acquisition in Andersonville.
- (11) LVECC is always trying figure out how to activate the Health Center Space on Clark (owned by the City). Maureen feels the space needs a whole new development.

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, May 11<sup>th</sup>.**

**SELVN Meeting Schedule:** Second Monday of each month

**Upcoming 2015 Meetings:** June 8, July 13, August 10, September 14, October 12, November 9 and December 14.

9) **MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:00 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Voshel

Secretary, SELVN

- a) **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