

SOUTH EAST LAKEVIEW NEIGHBORS (SELVN)
General Meeting
13 July 2015
Second Unitarian Church,
656 West Barry St., Chicago IL

Past minutes: selvn.org

MINUTES

1) WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION, President Jan Sumrall

- a) The July SELVN General Meeting was called to order by President Sumrall at 7:02 pm with approximately 22 current members (including 9 members of the Board), 5 non-members including representatives from the Alderman Tunney's and Representative Feigenholtz's offices
- b) Board members were introduced.

2) REPRESENTATIVE SARAH FEIGENHOLTZ's OFFICE – Daniel Egle-Wiess, Legislative Aid

- a) Budget negotiations are still ongoing
- b) Constituents can bring any questions or State needs to Representative Feigenholtz, who co-offices with Alderman Tunney.
- c) Questions
 - i) Is there any effort to revive sprinklers?
 - (1) No.
 - (2) Rep. Feigenholtz created a position called the Condominium Ombudsman as a one-stop shop for condo problems of any kind; although a funding source has yet to be identified to fund the position.
 - ii) Illinois State Income Tax Status
 - (1) Daniel will follow-up on this
 - (2) Sarah voted against income tax increases
 - iii) Aare there any condo issues on this session's agenda?
 - (1) Not to Daniel's knowledge.
 - iv) What about double taxation on Cook County Property Tax
 - (1) There has not yet been a proper resolution.
 - (2) Daniel believes the old system is still in place

3) PRIDE PARADE COMMENTS

- i) Jan has received 12 comments about this year's Pride Parade– with pretty much a 50/50 split of wanting to see the parade stay/move out of the neighborhood. Clean-up was fair on side streets off the parade route.

- ii) There will be a City interdepartmental meeting this week to review how City Services were managed. Departments will include Police, OEMC, Streets & Sanitation and the Alderman's office. There should be crime stats after next week's meeting.
- iii) A meeting with the Pride Community Committee will be held on 7/21/15.
- iv) Erin Duffy was asked to provide specifics about the parade organizer, Richard Pfeiffer. Erin noted that having a parade is a first amendment right. DCASE works with whoever is an organizer for each parade.
 - (1) Anyone may apply for a parade permit; however Richard Pfeiffer has been the Pride Parade organizer for a number of years & pays DCASE for security, clean-up, and other mandated costs.
 - (2) The feedback received by the Alderman's office was that the parade itself was better managed than in the past. The post-parade activities are what seem to be more problematic.
 - (3) The City is considering a number of changes for next year, including scheduling Pride Fest immediately following the parade that would provide a regulated event where parade patrons can gather after the completion of the parade in a more controlled environment.
 - (a) It was moved to the weekend before the parade 3 years ago. Alderman's office feels that concentrating everyone in a 'regulated' location might reduce problems.
 - (b) The community felt bringing Pride Fest back to the neighborhood after the parade would bring back many of the problems previously experienced.
- v) It was requested that the statistics be shared in the Alderman's electronic newsletter (including attendance, crime, etc.)
- vi) Comparisons were made between Cubs activities, the Blackhawks' Stanley Cup Celebration and the Pride Parade. Mike Demetriou said Pride and Blackhawks are vastly different. Blackhawks' celebrations are intermittent whereas Pride is an annual event that builds from year-to-year.
- vii) Community Comments
 - (1) Ted Argis: Consider moving the parade, for a period of time - similar to the South Side St. Patrick's Day Parade. Ted attended a CAPs meeting after the parade which was filled with the bar owners and chambers of commerce. The bar owners were vastly in favor of retaining it in the neighborhood. Residents' concerns were
 - (a) 20% increase in crime after the parade from last year
 - (b) Traffic is part of living in the City
 - (c) Quality of Life
 - (d) Halsted Market Days is a quiet and contained event.
 - (e) By moving it down-town, you have a reset to bring them back to Boystown bars – and people may go to other neighborhoods.
 - (f) Who is Richard Pfeiffer and does he derive his income from the parade? What is done with the money from the sponsors of the floats?
 - (2) Richard Eastline suggested downtown streets and parks could far better accommodate the size of crowds than a neighborhood

- (3) Jan Sumrall questioned what businesses closed due to the parade.
- (4) Katrina Cairo noted the following:
 - (a) Moving the 'after party' seemed to reduce some of the issues
 - (b) The problems are less with the parade than with the after-parade events.
 - (i) Find a way to funnel people to transit after the parade is over.
- (5) Mary Davis & Ron Sherman
 - (a) Madrid has 2MM people, with less control & more jovial and friendly environment, as it is held in a park environment.
 - (b) The parade should end in an area where there is more room to disperse.
- (6) Don Franklin noted the following:
 - (a) The Pride Parade has outgrown the community. There is absolutely nowhere for people to move along Belmont, between the curb and the security fencing.
 - (b) People trespassed on to his neighbor's property, who were out of town.
 - (c) People show up at 9:45 and start drinking
- (7) Mary Knoblauch asked if it was significantly different from the Marathon or a Cubs game -
 - (a) The people who remain after the parade is over are over-served or over-imbibed as they drink from 9AM to 1AM the following morning.
 - (b) Richard Eastline noted that a million people in this small of an area will (based on probabilities) result in crimes
- (8) Robert Clarke
 - (a) Moving the parade downtown will not eliminate the after-party in our neighborhood
 - (b) Also, you are imposing the parade on a downtown neighborhood
 - (c) John Rafkin agreed that downtown is much better prepared to handle a crowd of this magnitude.
- 4) 44th WARD UPDATE - Erin Duffy, Director of Community Outreach - Office of Alderman Tom Tunney**
 - a) Root's Pizza parking reduction was approved at ZBA last month.
 - b) Movies in the Park – Big Hero Six Hawthorne @ Dust
 - c) 44th Ward Senior Hispanic Health Fare – lunch, senior free screening.
 - d) Stan's Donuts open the end of July
 - e) Nando Peri Peri opened
 - f) Glazed Teriyaki opened a couple of weeks ago
 - g) Clark St. buildings haven't been updated, so there isn't much leasing interest
- 5) OLD BUSINESS - Traffic Study Committee - Status Update - Katie Merrell**
 - a) President Sumrall thanked the Committee
 - b) Katie Merrell put together a memo on the proposed process and suggestions for a strategy going forward.
- 6) BY-LAWS UPDATE - Jan Sumrall**
 - a) Amended bylaws to modify the quorum language as follows:
 - i) 15% of first 100 members
 - ii) 10% of next 100 members

- iii) 5% of those over 200 members
- b) There are 131 current members

7) NEW BUSINESS -

- a) Board meeting updates
 - i) 131 regular members due to uptick in membership during Nov/Dec
 - ii) York Chan is migrating everything over to Wild Apricot. Check out the SLEVN.org website – it is vastly improved.
 - iii) Balance of \$4,543.21 in the SELVN bank account
 - (1) Didn't pay anyone last year or this year for minutes
 - (2) December 2013, we paid rent in full for 2014 & 2015 at the church.
 - (3) Monthly charges are \$50 for wild Apricot & D&O insurance @ \$250/year and rent @ \$750/year
 - (4) Looking for new board members. If anyone is interested, please contact Jan Sumrall or one of the board members in attendance.

8) ANNOUNCEMENTS –

- a) Refer to back of Agenda
- b) Jan Sumrall's telephone number is on the back of the agenda. Please let Jan know if you want BYC added to the agenda or if you have any issues for the WalMart Advisory Committee.

9) FUTURE MEETINGS

The next SELVN General Meeting is scheduled for 7:00 PM on Monday, August 10th.

SELVN Meeting Schedule: Second Monday of each month

Upcoming 2015 Meetings: August 10, September 14, October 12, November 9 and December 14.

10) MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Voshel

Secretary, SELVN