

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

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MINUTES

1) WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION, President Jan Sumrall

- a) The September SELVN General Meeting was called to order by President Sumrall at 7:07 pm with approximately 17 current members (including 9 members of the Board) and 5 non-members..

2) NEW BUSINESS

- a) Crime update – The CAPs meeting stated that the crime statistics for Beat 19 are actually reported to be down from prior years.
- b) St. Joseph's held an Open House last week for their new building. They have turned their sign lights off and are working on ways to get light emissions down. The residents of 340 W. Diversey are complaining about glaring lights into their units.
- c) Belmont/Orchard Flooding – anytime there is any substantial rain, there is rain that crosses all of both Belmont and Orchard. There had been some restrictors in the sewers in some parts of the City to minimize the impact on the sewage treatment plants.
 - i) The owner of the building at the SEC of Belmont /Orchard has placed 4"X4" timbers with a plastic sheet beneath a minor amount of soil on top of it. This further exacerbates the flooding problem.
- d) York Chan asked if there were any comments on this year's new sidewalk cafes? None were stated.
- e) New Liquor licenses must come before a SELVN meeting, but liquor license renewals do not.
- f) Pride Parade
 - i) Most everyone thought this year's parade was better than last year (with regard to public drinking, calls for service, etc.).
 - ii) Concern remains for the period between 4PM – 4AM. There are concerns that regardless of where the parade takes place, the revelers will still return to Boystown for the 4PM to 4AM period.
 - iii) The cost of City services is significant due to the overtime required (i.e., a Sunday and the hours after the parade).
 - iv) The Parade is still on 'probation'. Alderman Tunney's gut feel is this year's results were not bad enough to change its location.

- g) Infrastructure:
 - i) Oakdale/Surf is getting new lighting yet this year.
 - ii) The costs for the lights along Wellington, across from Hospital is \$250K (Sheffield to Halsted). The Alderman feels this is too high of a cost to proceed.
- h) Security: Alderman Tunney believes that private funds will have to be used in the future to provide adequate security in certain areas of the City.
 - i) Special Service Areas (SSA's), are specific areas of the City that levy an incremental, a self-imposed tax to supplement services in their area. SSA's typically focus these private dollars on Marketing, Cleanliness & Security
 - (1) Central Lakeview doesn't want to spend money on security.
 - (2) The Halsted bars and SSA pays for additional security on specific weekend evenings.
 - i) What is the City doing about Motorcycle Racing on LSD
 - i) The Alderman has found out a few facts that make solving the problem difficult:
 - (1) Police won't speed to catch the racers, presumably due to the potential for accidents.
 - (2) LSD is a state highway. The State Rep said jurisdiction makes this difficult –speed cameras *could* be placed on LSD, but many constituents probably wouldn't like that solution.

3) 44TH WARD UPDATE – Tom Tunney, Alderman

- a) Erin Duffy left the Alderman's office as of last Friday to join a Baum Realty, a commercial real estate company.
- b) Presence Health Care opened their new building in the past week. The Alderman is hearing complements for the building, with some issues with the 330/340 Diversey buildings. The project took 8 years to get completed, including the approval process.
- c) 3030 Broadway is moving at a fast pace. The Alderman's office has gotten a number of calls, many surprised at how close the parking ramp was to Waterloo.
 - i) Mariano's is going to make a sea change in the neighborhood.
 - ii) The "new normal" market rental rate is \$40/SF for retail.
- d) AT&T is moving into the old Radio Shack on the west side of Broadway.
- e) Sheridan/Oakdale (Wirtz):
 - i) A flyer with the project update was placed on the table at the back of the meeting room. In addition, the developer has an email blast that they will send up to anyone who signs up at the Alderman's website.
 - ii) Sougata Deb is the point of contact between the developer and the community at the Alderman's office.
- f) 508 Diversey: The Alderman did approve the project at 147' in height.
- g) The project at the Market Place site was turned down – they will have to go back to the drawing board. Parking was one of the issues that could not be resolved with adjacent neighbors.
- h) The Hotel – Status of the project is unknown at this time..

- i) Belmont/Clark: A 37,000 SF Urban Target lease has been signed for the commercial component, with 78 apartments above it.
 - j) Roots Pizza: The project needed a Zoning Board of Appeals approval for the parking reduction, which has now been approved. Building Permits could not be issued without the zoning approval.
 - k) \$300M+ Flyover is on hold due to the lack of State funding.
 - i) This relates to the capacity issue for the elevated trains in the School/Clark area.
 - ii) They are in their 12 – 18 month environmental review right now.
 - iii) There must be a redevelopment plan in place for the surrounding area before it will be approved. A \$1.5M grant to conduct a robust redevelopment plan (Belmont/School Clark/Roscoe).
 - iv) The Mayor, State Rep Durbin & Tunney have met. The Mayor really wants this project to occur.
 - l) 7/11 on Barry: The Alderman is unaware of any new tenant(s) for that space..
 - m) Old Walgreens @ Clark/Diversey: There is supposedly will be a 7-story residential addition. The Alderman suggested that the developer present their plans to SELVN before their PD (?) expires.
 - n) Storefronts:
 - i) **Stan's** will be opening next month
 - ii) **Teavanna** is roughed-in for plumbing.
 - o) Mayor's Property Tax Proposal – Alderman's thoughts?
 - i) Sales tax will be going back up to 10.25%
 - ii) The property tax will probably add around \$1,000 to everyone's tax.
 - (a) Alderman Tunney thinks we need to look more regionally to solve cost issues – share costs and functions into one form of government, such as a shared Treasurer
 - (2) Alderman Tunney thinks most people are looking for a safe environment and good schools
 - (a) The Alderman feels good work has been done on the K-8 schools
 - (b) Now work needs to occur at the high school level, to provide more choices so families do not have to move to the suburbs for affordable, quality schools.
 - (3) A garbage tax is also under consideration. This will impact single family homeowners more than multi-family, as many multi-family home owners already pay for a private service or a surcharge.
- 4) **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.

5) **FUTURE MEETINGS**

The next SELVN General Meeting is scheduled for 7:00 PM on Monday, October 12th.

SELVN Meeting Schedule: Second Monday of each month

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

6) **MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:10 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Voshel

Secretary, SELVN