

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

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MINUTES

1) WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION, President Jan Sumrall

- a) The November SELVN General Meeting was called to order by President Sumrall at 7:12 pm with 20 current members and 5 non-members in attendance.

2) BOARD NOMINATIONS – 2016, York Chan

- a) The following Slate of Candidates was presented that will be voted on at the December meeting.
 - i) Ted Argiris
 - ii) John Blackburn
 - iii) Mary Davis
 - iv) Richard Eastline
 - v) Donald Franklin
 - vi) Jan Sumrall
 - vii) Anne Voshel
 - viii) John Yociss

3) 3115-3123 BROADWAY

- a) John Mengel of JSM Venture advised President Sumrall that the project will not be moving forward. JSM asked the seller for an extension which was not granted.

4) Mortar & Pestle (3108 N. Broadway @ Barry Liquor License Stephan Ross (Steven Paul, Chef)

- a) Mortar & Pestle (M&P) Believes the experience would be enhanced with cocktails (e.g., Bloody Mary & Mimosa)
- b) M&P presents globally inspired cuisine, in a brunch/lunch concept. Dishes are inspired by the Midde East and Spain.
- c) M&P brings elevated elements of dining to the table without a pretentious price. Highest price point on the menu is \$15.
- d) They would like to accentuate their food with a small beverage program
- e) Hours of operation are 8AM – 3PM; closed Tuesdays.

5) Commercial Activity in SELVN/Lakeview – General Update – Maureen T. Martino, Executive Director – Lakeview East Chamber of Commerce

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- a) A meeting was held recently to get Diversey Avenue more active, commercially.
 - i) Since the closing of Hanig's Slipper Box, The Vitamin Shop closed and Jamba Juice the following retail activity has been seen:
 - (1) Stan's Donuts has now opened in the old Jamba Juice and a second location at the old Caribou spot at Broadway/Aldine
 - (2) Lakeview East Chamber was approached by the Lincoln Park Chamber of Commerce to discuss business along Clark on the south side of Diversey. Merchants expressed concerns further east near Pine Grove and Sheridan.
 - (3) What is it that makes this area so different?
 - (a) No sidewalk cafes
 - (b) North side has banners
 - (c) S. side has no identifiers
 - (4) Planned Activities
 - (a) Inventory existing Infrastructure
 - (b) Measure Pedestrian Counts
 - (5) Rienzi Plaza: The developer, BJB, may come back in 2016
 - ii) This committee is formed in an attempt to help Lincoln Park.
- b) CDOT is still looking at Oakdale – residents wanted to reverse Oakdale between Clark and Halsted to 1-way eastbound. Those with strong opinions should speak with Sougata Deb at Alderman Tunney's office. The alderman's office promised to publicize any future meetings on this issue broadly.
- c) Lakeview East Chamber is working on an ordinance for People Spots.
- d) The Chamber is opposing Food Carts – there isn't adequate sidewalk space to house food carts.
- e) Four Sided Gallery on Clark Street has now opened their expansion space to the south of the existing store.
- f) 7-Eleven (Broadway): Nothing has materialized for this space yet.
- g) Robert Jeffrey Salon has begun their buildout at the old Universal Gear.
- h) JC Salons above the Walmart is a shared space for hair dressers will be opening shortly.
- i) Contacts & Specs moved from SWC Briar/Broadway to the other side of the street.
- j) Taste of Asia/Bamee Noodles: Owner is willing to sell or lease the space.
- k) There has been some interest shown in Mr. Woo's Melanthios building.
- l) The former Cuban Restaurant is still available.
- m) Lakeview Kitchen & Market: Metropolitan Dinners is looking to get into more stores/restaurants in our neighborhoods.
- n) 450 W. Belmont Community Meeting will be held next week.
- o) Carissima (closed): Landlord hasn't been forthcoming with information
- p) Lakeview East vacancy rates are still low.
- q) Roots Pizza is ready to start construction – awaiting a permit revision.

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- r) Events/Promos:
- i) **19th Annual Giver's Gift Promotion:** Patrons will receive a \$50 Gift Card for every \$300 of receipts submitted for qualifying spending in Lakeview. Bring receipts to the Chamber office until December 23 at noon (or while supplies last). Go to the Chamber's website for restrictions and to learn more. <http://www.lakevieweast.com/19th-annual-givers-gift/>.
 - ii) December 5th Small Business Saturday and **Shop Local Extravaganza in Lakeview East:** For one day only, on Saturday, December 5th from noon until 4PM the Chamber will offer 25% discounted gift cards which can be purchased both online and at the office at 3138 N. Broadway. The gift cards are accepted at over 150 businesses. This promotion is limited to \$500 per household. <http://www.lakevieweast.com/holiday-extravaganza/>. Additional events include:
 - (1) Kid shows at the Laugh Factory – free movies during the day
 - (2) Treats at many stores
 - iii) December 5th Xmas Party at Revolution.
- s) The Bunny, The Micro Bakery's license has come through. They are ready to go. There were some holdups with the build-out. Bunny will be located at 2928 N. Broadway and is a sequel to Elizabeth Restaurant. <http://www.bunnythemicrobakery.com/>

6) 44th WARD Update – Bennett R. Lawson – Chief of Staff to Alderman Tunney

- a) Introduction of new Staff Members, Chris Jessup and Julie Levar
 - i) Julie Levar, Director of Communications and Community Outreach
 - (1) Worked with media at a not-for-profit
 - (2) Parks, schools, seniors,
 - (3) Website, special events, block party permits.
 - ii) Chris Jessup, fulltime staff focusing on public safety and business affairs
 - iii) Dan Manoli working part time on infrastructure
- b) There was a good meeting with Lincoln Park (as discussed by Maureen Martino in Item 5, above), working on finding an identity for Diversey.
- c) Rienzi Plaza vacancies. – 1Q16
 - i) Pizza joint will be opening 2016
 - ii) There was a previous planned development for this site. It is not clear if the plan at this point is the old plan or a new plan. York Chan stated that he believes the old PD has expired
- d) 3030 N. Broadway. During the first few weeks of December the sidewalk & parking lane along Broadway will be temporarily closed. Because of the swing of the crane, they will not allow any traffic from Wellington to Barry, except for CTA buses and garbage trucks between 9 – 4 M-F. 1 lane in each direction will be open for traffic between 4PM and 9AM.

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- e) Clark Street Health Clinic:
 - i) Residents asked if the site could be sold as a redevelopment site.
 - ii) Alderman Tunney will continue pressure the City to get something going at that site.
- f) BYC status: Imani will bring an update to the December meeting. The Alderman has not heard of a closing date (to move to the larger Howard Brown center).
- g) Vacant Mattress store on Diversey. Bennett has heard the building has been sold.
- h) MedMar –3812 N. Clark St has applied for a license between Nuts on Clark and N. of Uncommon Ground adjacent to a liquor store.

7) Community Meeting for Planned Development to 450 W. Belmont

- a) Thursday, November 19, 2015 at 6:30 PM at our Lady of Mt. Carmel Academy
- b) The site consists of two oddly configured red brick 3-flats with a driveway in between.
- c) Plans are on the Alderman's website www.44thward.org/450-Belmont
- d) 17-story building with 95 residential units. Transit-oriented reduction for parking.

8) New Business

- a) Lease Renewal: The church renewed SELVN's lease for the next 2 years.
- b) President Sumrall spoke with the Sargent Clark at the CAPS about how they could increase attendance at the bi-monthly meetings. CAPS suggested meeting 30 minutes prior to SELVN's meeting.
 - i) They understand their meeting cannot run beyond 7PM.
 - ii) CLVN and Wrightwood have a similar arrangement every other month
 - iii) They are trying to promote public safety.
 - iv) Will gear the meeting towards problem solving and will provide crime stats. They are suggesting having topic-based meetings.
 - v) 1933 + 1935 beats would have a single meeting.
 - vi) This would start in February.
- c) Bob Gilbert asked to present a new business topic –
 - i) Mr. Gilbert started to present his side of the 19th Police District's rebranding the CAPS program. Mr. Gilbert asserted that this is a major change in the CAPs meeting.
 - ii) It was noted that this is not appropriate as new business, but should be an agenda item, where both sides of the issue should be present.
 - iii) President Sumrall has already spoke with Sargent Clark (refer to New Business item 8 b above).
 - (1) They will be moved to every other month.
 - (2) Meetings will have various safety topics

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9) Announcements

- a) Whole Foods Ground Breaking Thursday @ 9AM Ashland/Belmont
- b) Community meeting for The Inn @ Lincoln Park on Diversey next Thursday.
- c) Next SELVN general meeting will be December 14

10) MEETING ADJOURNMENT

- a) The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Voshel – Secretary, SELVN