

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

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MINUTES

1) WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION, President Jan Sumrall

- a) The December SELVN General Meeting was called to order by President Sumrall at 7:08 pm with 22 current members and 3 non-members in attendance.
- b) President Sumrall introduced the current board members.
- c) 12/21 website will have a soft launch on December 21. You can pay membership dues via Pay Pal
- d) Crime prevention tips on back table
- e) Hand out from Congressman Quigley

2) ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS – CLASS OF 2016 – 2017, President Jan Sumrall

- a) The Slate of Candidates for 2016 - 2017 is:
 - i) Ted Argiris
 - ii) Jack Blackburn
 - iii) Mary Davis
 - iv) Richard Eastline
 - v) Donald Franklin
 - vi) Jan Sumrall
 - vii) Anne Voshel
 - viii) John Yociss
- b) President Sumrall thanked York Chan, Anil Kashyap & John Rafkin for serving on the nominating committee.
- c) Katie Merrell moved to approve the slate noted above; the motion was seconded by Mike Demetriou
- d) Vote: 19 in favor, 1 abstention

3) MORTAR & PESTLE – LIQUOR LICENSE, Stephan Ross

- a) Mortar & Pestle presented their request for a liquor license for their new restaurant, Mortar & Pestle, as presented at the November meeting.
- b) Mike Demetriou noted he had not received a legal notice, which must be sent out to all neighbors within a specified area surrounding the restaurant by the zoning attorney.

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Mortar & Pestle will contact their zoning attorney tomorrow to confirm the necessary paperwork is filed so as not to hold up the liquor license process.

- c) Katie Merrell moved to approve the liquor license; John Blackburn seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved (20 votes in favor)

4) 44TH WARD UPDATE - Julie Levar

Ms. Levar introduced Dan Manoli who recently joined Alderman Tunney's office. Dan will be in charge of infrastructure, parking, 311 requests, street inspections, daily permits & ticketing.

- a) Safety
 - i) 1100 W. Patterson gunshots were reported near Patterson/Racine around 3AM on Sunday morning. There were numerous shots fired (more than 30 and as many as 50) by 2 male offenders. Officers discharged their weapons and fired 2 shots but no one was hit. Offenders dropped their weapons.
 - (1) Subsequently a 26 year old male was treated in St. Francis in Evanston for a gunshot wound.
 - (2) Ralph Banks, 19 years old, was apprehended in Evanston, \$1M bond. Was in court today charged with a felony.
 - (a) The owner of the building where the incident occurred has been contacted regarding the tenants – more updates to come.
 - (b) *According to police, Ralph Banks, 19, of the 2000 block of W. Darrow in Evanston, was charged today with one felony count of aggravated discharge of a firearm.*
- b) Construction
 - i) 601 W. Diversey (also known as Inn at Lincoln Park (Hotel)) is going to the Planning Commission,. This project is in Alderman Smith's ward and she is in support of the project.
 - ii) The 3030 N. Broadway project continues construction. The crane dismantlement was to be completed today and Broadway should be reopened to traffic.
 - (1) Sidewalk on the west side Broadway will be closed throughout the project duration.
 - (2) Mariano's is scheduled to open summer 2016.
 - iii) 508 W Diversey (i.e., Yakzies) is in for permit.
 - iv) 600 W, Diversey should be in for permit soon & should be starting in the spring (Lincoln Park Plaza).
- c) Infrastructure
 - i) The Shared Cost Sidewalk Program allows residents to replace the existing sidewalk in front of their home at a significantly lower cost than by hiring a private contractor.

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- Through this program, homeowners and the City share the cost of sidewalk improvements.
- ii) Participation is on a first-come, first-served basis and registration starts on January 1st of each year. Due to limited funding, interested residents are advised to sign up January 01, starting at midnight, as once all funds are allocated, the program closes for the year.
 - iii) If you are interested in signing up for the program, please contact Dan Manoli in Alderman Tunney's office at 773.525.6034 or email him at Dionisios.Manoli@cityofchicago.org Additional information can be obtained at <http://www.44thward.org/shared-cost-sidewalk-program/#sthash.GkASeiwa.dpuf>
 - iv) People's Gas work has been completed along Pine Grove. **Julie Levar to find out why existing gas pipe wasn't removed.**
 - v) 501 Surf Scaffolding: The scaffold has been up in front of this building for some time. The Community Manager told the Alderman they are not currently working on the front, but are leaving it up, at CHA's request, until loose masonry is secured.
 - vi) New street lights have been installed along Oakdale & Surf from Broadway to Clark – if residents have suggestions for fine-tuning them, please contact the Alderman. This style of street lighting is the “new norm” for the city.
 - vii) Xmas tree recycling: January 9th can apply thru Alderman's website or call the Alderman's office (773.525.6034).
 - viii) As of January 1, 2016, all blue cart recyclables must be placed into the blue cart loose without a bag.
- d) Aldermanic Office Upcoming Holiday Hours:
- i) Monday – Wednesday: 9 -5
 - ii) Thursday 9AM -1PM
 - iii) closed Friday & Saturday for Christmas/Day after Christmas; New Year's Day and day after New Year's.
- e) Questions:
- i) Has there been any official increase in police presence?
 - (1) There will be 35 new officers (net gain) in 2016 with anticipation of a 25 net increase occurring sometime in the first quarter.
 - (2) Each of 6 beats in the 44th ward has 1 car (with 2 officers in each car).
 - ii) 3030 Broadway
 - (1) Developer will repair Broadway and the sidewalks to their prior condition at the end of the project.
 - (2) Concern was voiced about the accessibility of Broadway.

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- (a) 3030 Broadway has done a poor job with regard to pedestrians and Broadway businesses; The Alderman should “challenge” the developer. Mike Demetriou feels the developer bullied the community.
 - (b) It was noted that some construction vehicles are blocking bus stops for hours. SELVN’s Facebook had a post showing an example of this.
 - (c) One neighbor noted that the ComEd, as part of the 3030 project infrastructure was going to close off the alley access from garages associated with houses fronting on the north side of Wellington. Supposedly residents could not access their garage for 5 days.
 - (d) Residents with concerns should to the website www.3030nbroadway.com. Click on "contact" at the bottom of the page. Password is "association". **The developer/Contractor holds an open meeting 1st Thursday of each month at 8AM in the trailer on the 3030 property at the north end of Waterloo Court.**
- iii) **The Street Light(s) in front of 664 W. Wellington had orange tape placed around it for Halloween and has not yet been removed. Ms. Levar will look into getting this removed.**
- iv) Security:
- (1) How many surveillance cameras are there in our beat?
 - (a) Chris Jessup, Alderman Tunney’s Director of Public Safety, is looking at this.
 - v) Liz Cohen cautioned anyone who may parking along the north end of Waterloo Ct that the tree on north of the street **in front of 3024 N. Waterloo** had a massive limb fall. This is the second time this has happened. **The tree needs to be removed by Forestry.**
 - vi) 450 W. Belmont Project: This project, on the north side of Belmont, is a 17-story building containing 95-residential units.
 - (1) The project purportedly is being built to the property line. Is this allowable?**
 - (2) Since the Belmont neighbors association is no longer in existence, Don Franklin of SELVN has advocated on their behalf,
 - (3) Plans are on the Alderman’s website www.44thward.org/450-Belmont
- vii) Projects in Alderman Smith’s Ward
- (1) The Diversey projects should be organized to reflect the lessons learned from the 3030 project issues, particularly blockage of roadways, the public way and bus stops.
 - (2) Edge Bar & Grille @ Clark/Schubert is closing the end of January, 2016. ALT School, a private K-8 school, will be going into the location. The first floor will be commercial.
 - (a) There is a traffic study, authored by KLOA available on Ald Smith’s website.

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- (3) 601 W. Diversey – Inn At Lincoln Park: The project has been reduced in size and parking has been reconfigured.
- (4) Marketplace:
 - (a) There are rumors it may be closing at the end of January 2016
 - (b) A new development project may be proposed
 - (c) The previous project has been taken off of Alderman Smith’s website. There is no further information on this project on Alderman Smith’s website.

5) CCDC (Community Directed Development Council) UPDATE, Jan Sumrall

- a) 450 W. Belmont presented plans about 3 months ago.
- b) MedMar has applied for a medical marijuana clinic at 3812 N. Clark. The project will go in front of the ZBA on December 18, 2015.

6) CAPS UPDATE, Jan Sumrall

- a) CAPS meeting will be held at 6:30 every other month prior to our meeting commencing on February 8, 2016.
- b) Meetings dates are listed on the agenda.
- c) Sergeant Clark and other police personnel will give a rundown on crime stats & have a special topic for each meeting. If the meeting runs beyond 7PM (i.e., the start of SELVN’s meeting), police will remain in the back/outer portion of the church to discuss residents’ concerns.

7) NEW BUSINESS

- a) Katie Merrell thanked Jan Sumrall for her past year of service as president.
- b) Jan Sumrall noted that the police presence has increased between 5 – 6:30 AM on the east end of Diversey.

8) Announcements

- a) The next SELVN general meeting will be Monday, January 11

9) MEETING ADJOURNMENT

- a) The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Voshel – Secretary, SELVN