

SOUTH EAST LAKEVIEW NEIGHBORS (SELVN)
General Meeting
11 April 2016
Second Unitarian Church,
656 West Barry St., Chicago IL

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MINUTES

1) WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION, President Jan Sumrall

- a) The April SELVN General Meeting was called to order by President Sumrall at 7:03PM, with 18 current members and 6 non-members in attendance.

2) BROADWAY YOUTH CENTER (BYC), Latonya Maley, BYC Director

- a) Latonya Maley, introduced herself as the new Director of the BYC. Latonya has been with Howard Brown for 5 years and was recently promoted to the Director position.
- b) Amy Miller, the Associate Director of BYC was also in attendance.
- c) Move update: BYC is expecting to move in to their new location on the east side of the 4000 block of N. Broadway in November of 2016 – the latest move date anticipated would be in December 2016.

3) LVCC (LAKE VIEW CITIZENS' COUNCIL) UPDATE, Jan Sumrall

- a) LVCC is the umbrella organization for all Lakeview community groups. There are 2 representatives from each of the Lakeview community groups on the Board of LVCC. York Chan and Jan Sumrall are SELVN's current representatives
- b) LVCC covers global issues of interest to the 11 different community groups such as education, crime, Cubs, etc. See Jan or York after the meeting if you want more information.
- c) Contact Marc Anderson or William DeMille (president@lakeviewcitizens.org), if you're interested in becoming a member.
- d) The group meets on the first Thursday of the even months of the year at 7PM at the Addison Police Station. The next meeting is June 2.

4) 44th WARD UPDATE – Jan Sumrall (no representative of the Office of Alderman Tom Tunney was in attendance)

- a) Liz Cohen expressed concern about the sidewalk at 635 W. Barry: Jan Sumrall contacted Dan, in the Alderman's office, who committed to get working on it.

5) OLD BUSINESS

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- a) Residents in the Surf/Pine Grove area have been concerned about the lack of scaffold maintenance at the senior housing project on the south side of Surf. Jan Sumrall called again on Friday and they cleaned up some of the scaffold. The scaffold must remain in place until the roof tiles have been deemed safe by the City Inspector.
- b) 3115 N. Broadway, which was voted down by SELVN at the last meeting, is reworking their plan and working with the Alderman's office.
- c) The old Best Buy location at 2650 N. Clark will become a 31,100 SF Target Express scheduled to open in July 2016. They will carry men's and women's apparel, home goods for condos/apartments, food items and a pharmacy.
- d) Concern was voiced about the poor visual impact of the long-dormant Roots site, both along Clark and the alley.
- e) Mariano's is slated to open in August 2016
- f) Mary Davis asked if there had been any follow-up after the pedestrian death at the Surf/Broadway crossing a couple of months ago. No pedestrian crossing has been installed at that location due to the location of the driveway into the retail parking lot on the west side of the street. Because nothing will be done to change the situation, residents are cautioned to be mindful both as pedestrians and drivers.
- g) Thresholds' administrative offices will be occupying the Health Center on Clark Street near the McKillip animal hospital.

6) NEW BUSINESS

- a) Jan continues to work with the Diversey Corridor Group, primarily comprising retailers on the south side of Diversey. SELVN has been asked to participate, along with the Lakeview Chamber of Commerce, to assemble an interested group of retailers along Diversey to focus on issues such as maintaining the health of the retail stores as the new construction along Diversey creates congestion and street closures. They have been meeting every other month, when the parties can coordinate calendars.
- b) Fion, next to Duffy's on Diversey, has closed. Duffy's is NOT expanding into Fion, but there is supposed to be a new restaurant going into the Fion space.

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- c) Pizza Persona is being replaced by another pizza establishment.
- d) The Casbah Restaurant on Broadway has closed. The new operator is a relative of the prior owner of Casbah. The new restaurant will be called Anatolian Express with more of a take-out concept.
- e) Lincoln Park Plaza (the old Walgreens site) should be on SELVN's agenda in May.
- f) Gene Tenner, of Buena Park Neighbors, stated that BYC is moving into their neighborhood, and asked how BYC was as a neighbor. The following comments were made:
 - i) There was a lot of opposition 2 years ago because BYC occupied their facilities before the necessary zoning was in place (a Special Use was required in a Residential zoning district).
 - ii) There were some disturbances (e.g., fights, trespassing, etc.) early on in BYC's occupancy.
 - iii) BYC's Director at the time of the initial occupancy process was not helpful in creating community dialogue.
 - iv) A Good Neighbor Agreement ("GNA") was discussed, but never implemented between BYC and SELVN. Mr. Tenner was encouraged to talk with Alderman Cappleman about the GNA, as Alderman Tunney originally received the form of agreement from Alderman Cappleman. BYC General Counsel, Michelle Wetzel, should also be willing to provide a copy of the GNA.
 - v) After a new Director was put in place, community dialogue improved, staffing modifications were implemented and incidents eventually calmed down.

7) ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a) The next SELVN general meeting will be May 9th at 7:00 PM.

8) MEETING ADJOURNMENT

- a) The meeting was adjourned at **7:33 PM**

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Voshel – Secretary, SELVN

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