

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

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MINUTES

1) WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION, President Jan Sumrall

- a) The May SELVN General Meeting was called to order by President Sumrall at 7:04 pm with 16 current members and 6 non-members in attendance.
- b) Board Members were introduced.

2) GENERAL UPDATE, Jan Sumrall

- a) Alderman's office could not send a representative this evening. This will be the 3rd consecutive month without a representative of the Alderman's office. Jan held a lengthy discussion with Bennett Lawson, Alderman Tunney's Chief of Staff about this. Jan will also be scheduling a meeting with the Alderman to discuss mutual expectations for participation in SELVN meetings.
- b) CAPs Meetings: Sgt. Clark was promoted to Lieutenant. Sgt. Mary Hein will be taking his place.
- c) PANZ has opened on Diversey – They serve calzone/pocket pizza and opened the end of last week (where Pizza Persona was, next to Chipotle)
- d) There was confirmation that 19th district received 10 additional police officers as of 4/10/16.
- e) Free visible address numbers can be picked up from the Alderman's office. Visible address numbers are important for first responders.
- f) The owners of the old Walgreens site at the corner of Broadway and Diversey were to be here to present tonight, but they cancelled. Their PD 'expired' 2 years ago, but it doesn't actually expire unless the alderman requests its extinguishment. The developer might come to SELVN in July.
- g) Roots Pizza:
 - i) Roots submitted plans with an error in the survey. Due to the survey error, they had to resubmit plans
 - ii) They need to dig down to create a basement for the commercial space. Getting a permit from the Bureau of Underground takes a long time, which has further delayed the commencement of construction.

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- iii) The site has been cleaned up.
- h) Mariano's should be opening in August.
- i) Senior Citizens building on Surf/Pine Grove: Scaffolding will be removed once the inspector agrees the roof is secure.
- j) Water main replacement schedule is on the Alderman's website and general street cleaning:
 - i) There will be 24 hours' notice prior to any water shut-off.
 - ii) Streets to be re-surfaced
 - (1) Pine Grove from Belmont south to the dead end;
 - (2) Cambridge from Belmont to Briar and from Surf to Diversey
 - (3) Hudson from Belmont to Briar;
 - (4) Orchard from Clark to Diversey
- k) Street Cleaning dates are posted on the Alderman's website.
- l) City Stickers and residential parking permits can be purchased on Monday June 6th from 11 am – 3 pm. Stickers can only be purchased by new residents or those with permits in expiring in June 2016.
- m) BYC is supposed to be moving to Broadway and Irving Park by year-end.

3) NEW BUSINESS, Bob Clarke

- a) Mr. Clarke lives at 2900 N Burling between Diversey & Oakdale.
- b) The area has been targeted for large single family development of "mega houses".
- c) The adjacent home developer, Foster Design/Development, caused damage to 2900 Burling as further outlined below:
 - i) 2 years ago excavation commenced, with installation of steel piling.
 - ii) Damage to 2900 N. Burling was confirmed by a structural engineer. The foundation at 2900 N. Burling had to be shored up.
 - iii) Foster Design/Development initially said they would resolve any damage, but despite repeated requests, no repairs have been made, so the 2900 N. Burling building owner will have to pay for it themselves.
 - iv) Estimated repairs for the six-flat may be as much as \$200,000.
- d) Mr. Clarke expressed concern about
 - i) lack of site security,
 - ii) blocking the street

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- e) Suggestions from the floor:
 - i) Go on YELP to complain
 - ii) Get surrounding Aldermen to agree to heavily scrutinize future projects by Foster Design/Development.
 - iii) Utilize social media to spread the word.
- f) The condo's insurance does not cover this.

4) New Business

- a) Clark/Diversey Corridor
 - i) Tunney and Smith have agreed to work together.
- b) Wirtz property on Sheridan/Oakdale has had numerous complaints
 - i) Very foul language carries down the block
- c) Mariano's
 - i) Concern was voiced about
 - (1) Massive overtaking of sidewalks and bus stops.
 - (2) Short notice of power/water shut-offs.
- d) 3115 – 3123 N. Broadway have gone back to the drawing board with their plans.
- e) There have been huge amounts of water in the park north of the driving range. Seagulls were roosting in the area.

5) Announcements

- a) Next SELVN general meeting will be June 13, 2016

6) MEETING ADJOURNMENT

- a) The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Voshel – Secretary, SELVN