

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

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MINUTES

1) WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION, President Jan Sumrall

- a) The board members were introduced for the benefit of new members/attendees.
- b) The September SELVN General Meeting was called to order by President Sumrall at 7:02 pm with 24 current members and 4 non-members in attendance.

2) 2854 NORTH ORCHARD – Presentation & Request for Rezoning from R4 to R4.5, Martin Ronan

- a) The developer has said that the deal will not be moving forward.

3) REGISTRATION FOR WRIGLEY FIELD NEIGHBORHOOD EMAIL LIST – Heather Way Kitzes, Manager of Government and Neighbor Relations Chicago Cubs

- a) Heather's presence tonight is to register anyone who would like to be kept abreast of Wrigley Field activities. Heather handed out registration postcards.
- b) The new email list is being developed because the old list expanded far beyond Wrigleyville neighbors for news, and Concert pre-sale purposes. Since not everyone can sign up at the Wrigley Field office, Heather Way Kitzes is attending community meetings to obtain true neighborhood registration.
 - i) The initial list in Spring 2015 had 11,200 people
 - ii) After concert sign-ups it grew to 29,000
- c) Persons wanting to sign up can come to the CUBS' offices at 3721 N. Clark Street. Persons with disabilities or difficulties getting to the office can contact neighbors@cubs.com with any concerns or to be added to the list.
- d) Post season baseball will be playing well into October,

4) BOARD MEMBER ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:

- a) Anil Kashyap will be stepping down from his SELVN responsibilities to assist the UK Government by serving on their Financial Policy Committee for the next 3 years. SELVN is grateful for Anil's many years of service and wish him the best.

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- b) Thanks to York Chan and John Yociss for their work in getting the new SELVN website up and running, including transfer of all membership data.

5) 44th WARD UPDATE – Chris Jessup, Director of Public Safety and Business – Office of Alderman Tom Tunney

a) Mariano's is open

- i) Chris, Denise and Ald. Tunney are meeting with Mariano's tomorrow afternoon. Issues to be discussed include:
 - (1) Deliveries beyond the allowable hours (*Chris was not certain, but believes hours are restricted to 8AM – 8PM*).
 - (2) Delivery trucks have been seen regularly disobeying traffic signals
 - (3) Delivery vehicles stacking in the incoming garage covered access lane.
 - (a) What is the purpose of the striped areas to the south of the incoming/outgoing lanes (under the covered drive lane in front of what appears to be a southern loading dock area)? Could this area be used for delivery truck stacking in lieu of the incoming drive lane, which backs up traffic out onto Broadway?
 - (4) Employees smoking in alley
 - (5) Employees parking in no-parking tow zones
 - (6) Loading zone used by Starbucks' customers
 - (7) Revisiting a traffic study @ Belmont for those wanting to turn southbound.
 - (8) Rumor going around that employees are banned from parking in the garage, and so are parking in the neighborhoods.
 - (9) Changes in bus stop @ Broadway/Wellington. There is no bus stop between Surf & Barry.
 - (10) Traffic Striping
 - (a) large teardrop to the north of the alley – can parking come back on the east side of the street (e.g., by CVS)?
 - (11) Cross lights do not give pedestrians a 1 second lead time before traffic is provided a green light (York suggested that the 1 second delay is typical for other cross walks in the area).
 - (12) Lack of adequate city garbage cans.
- ii) Waterloo Issues
 - (1) Contractors have removed the interior brickwork for new fencing. Tree plantings on the west side of Waterloo will follow.
 - (2) The contractor installed light deflectors on parking
 - (3) Developer needs to shield the refrigeration noise on rear garage ramp
 - (4) Ramp to garage: when you come down, headlights go directly into the Waterloo facing townhouse units. Possible solutions are being looked at.
 - (5) When will they unlock the fences to the park/green space?

b) Old Walgreens will have a temp Halloween store.

- i) They are supposed to come before SELVN prior to breaking ground.
- ii) The PD expires the end of 2016.

c) 538 Diversey – former Bank of America space:

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- i) While work isn't visible, there is a lot of internal demo in progress and a boiler replacement.
- ii) The owner is hoping to get a single tenant for all of the space (5,000 SF of availability).

d) **Public Safety**

- i) We have 36 more officers as of September 1st, vs. October 15, 2015.
- ii) Nonetheless, we are down 5 since August 1st – not sure why.
- iii) Incident #1: Street fight on 1100 block of Addison
 - (1) Refused medical attention
 - (2) No one was hit, although it appears shots were fired.
 - (3) Shooter is a familiar face around Clark/Addison.
 - (4) There was an officer very nearby when this was occurring
- iv) Incident #2: Sunday early AM 3400 block of Clark
 - (1) 3 victims parked in a vehicle.
 - (2) Car occupants argued with the offenders
 - (3) One car occupant was shot in the shoulder
- v) Incident #3: Beating on Brompton between Broadway & Halsted overnight (46th Ward) shortly after 1AM.

e) **Mail Boxes:** Broadway/Wellington post box is still not installed.

f) **Tomorrow evening is a Public Meeting for the proposed Rail TIF (Tax Increment Financing).**

- i) Meeting Time/Location: 6PM at 2323 Sheffield at DePaul's basketball complex.
- ii) TIF Purpose: To fund transit system improvements.
- iii) TIF Boundaries: Division to Devon West of Broadway to approximately 1400 West
- iv) Implications on Property Owners: For every dollar increase in Real Estate tax, 39% will go into the Railway TIF for
- v) Possible Projects Identified to use US DOT/TIF funding:
 - (1) An overpass at the junction of Brown and Red Lines just north of Belmont; the northbound Brown Line trains would "flyover" the Red/Purple train tracks. The Red/Purple trains would not have to stop, as they do now, when the Brown Line trains are crossing the RED/Purple tracks.
 - (2) Brown Line track improvements up to Howard Street,
 - (3) 3 Red Line stations in Uptown and Edgewater.
 - (4) This is the local match required for federal transportation funds.
- vi) Chris is not aware that this type of funding mechanism has ever been used in the past.

g) **Gas Break on Briar**

- i) About 2 weeks ago on 600 block of Briar – north side of street – a building owner was having their water main replace from parkway to the house.
- ii) Contractor didn't get utilities properly identified, so when they dug, they punctured the gas line. Water then filled the gas line, which required shutting off gas to the 600 & 700 block of Briar; the lines then had to be dried out – which required more than 24 hours.

6) **New Business –**

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- a) There was a good Tribune article regarding the lack of planning in the West Loop. Jan Sumrall believes Lakeview is having similar issues. Jan expressed continued concern over the lack of parking enforcement.

7) Announcements

- a) Refer to the back of the agenda
- b) The CAPS meeting will start at 6:30 next month, in advance of the SELVN meeting.
- c) Check the attendance list at the back and bring your membership up to date, if it has expired.

8) MEETING ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Voshel – Secretary, SELVN