

SOUTH EAST LAKEVIEW NEIGHBORS (SELVN)
General Meeting
November 12, 2018
Second Unitarian Church,
656 West Barry St., Chicago IL

SELVN Meeting Minutes at selvn.org

MINUTES

1) WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS, President Jan Sumrall.

- a) The board members were introduced for the benefit of new members/attendees.
- b) The November SELVN General Meeting was called to order by President Sumrall at 7:00 p.m. with 15 current members and 6 non-members in attendance.

2) GENERAL UPDATE – Jan Sumrall.

- a) Board Nominations – 2019 and 2020 Term. There are currently eleven (11) Board Members. Two (2) Board Member positions were vacated as a result of two Board Members moving out of SELVN. The following Board Members currently serve for the 2018-2019 term: Ted Argiris, John Blackburn, Mary Davis, Don Franklin, Jan Sumrall and Abe Trieger. The following Board Members currently serve for the 2017-2018 term: York Chan, Robert Clarke, Liz Cohen, Mary Knoblauch and John Rafkin. The following Board Members are nominated to serve for the 2019-2020 term: York Chan, Robert Clarke, Liz Cohen, Mary Knoblauch and John Rafkin. The election of the Board Members for the 2019-2020 term will be held at the December 10, 2018 General SELVN Meeting.
- b) 44th Ward Updates. See below.
- c) 508 West Diversey (11 story rental building). The estimated date of completion of the exterior of the building, tree planting and other landscaping is December 31, 2018. It is anticipated that units will be available for rental no later than March 2019.
- d) Clark/Diversey (Old Walgreens). Demolition/construction is scheduled to start by the end of November. The general contractor for the project has located and opened its construction office next to the proposed site on Diversey. Once the revised construction schedule has been finalized, it will be sent to Alderman Tunney's office and posted on Alderman Tunney's website.
- e) 19th Police District Twitter Account. The 19th Police District has a Twitter account. Daily postings include alerts, general activities and events.
- f) Alderman Tunney Newsletter. Alderman Tunney's Office circulates a weekly newsletter every Thursday. The newsletter includes general updates, alerts and events. You can subscribe to the newsletter by signing up through Alderman Tunney's website.

3) BAD AXE THROWING USA, INC. D/B/A BAD AXE THROWING (2828 NORTH CLARK STREET – CENTURY MALL) – PLAN OF OPERATION – Mario Zelaya, President, and Ike Grevers, General Manager.

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- a) Mr. Zelaya is the President of Bad Axe Throwing USA, Inc. (the "Company"). Mr. Zelaya flew in from Canada and Ike Grevers, General Manager of Bad Axe Throwing at the 2828 North Clark Street location, attended the Meeting.
- b) Mr. Zelaya presented the Agreed Plan of Operation – Consumption on Premises-Incidental Activity; Public Place of Amusement License (i.e., axe throwing and the on-site consumption of beer and wine) submitted to Alderman Tunney's Office (the "Plan of Operation").
- c) The Company is a Canadian company with clubs in Canada and now in the United States. Mr. Zelaya provided the history of how the Company started in Canada and how the Company expanded in the US. All of the clubs originally started with no liquor service. After the clubs were well established and running smoothly, the Company started applying for a liquor licenses to sell only beer and wine. Mr. Zelaya went over in detail the rules and regulations for the handling of the axes, safety and security in the club. Each axe throwing area is caged off and only the people on the team are permitted in the cage. Each cage is very closely monitored by a trained employee and there are very strict rules for the handling and throwing of the axes. Beer and wine will be sold from a bar setup away from the cages. No beer or wine will be permitted in the cage area. There is a designated painted line on the floor in each cage that cannot be crossed with beer or wine. Only two (2) people at a time for axe throwing are permitted past the line in the cage. The sale of beer and wine will be very closely monitored. All of the employees are trained in monitoring the sale and use of beer or wine. If anyone comes to the club that appears to be intoxicated, they will not be permitted entry. Once in the club, if anyone appears to become intoxicated, they will not be served and will have to leave the club. Anyone buying beer or wine will be carded. Mr. Zelaya noted that most of their business is for celebration parties (i.e., birthday, anniversary, engagement, etc.) and a lot of corporate "work bonding" events.
- d) Mr. Grevers further described the rules and regulations for the handling of the axes, safety and security specific to the 2828 North Clark Street location.
- e) There was an informative question and answer period before the vote. Several residents expressed their opinion that they thought it was great that the Century Mall had a new viable tenant. The Plan of Operation covered in detail the sale of beer and wine and the monitoring of guests. The Plan of Operation was reviewed by the Police Commander of the 19th District. His comments were incorporated into the revised Plan of Operation.
- f) A motion was made by John Blackburn to approval the Plan of Operation as presented and seconded by John Rafkin. A vote was taken: 13 yes votes, 0 no votes and 1 abstention.

4) 44th WARD UPDATE – Alderman Tom Tunney.

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- a) Turkey Trot Event. The Turkey Trot will be held on Thursday, November 22, 2018 (Thanksgiving morning). The first wave will start at 9:00 a.m. See Alderman Tunney's website for the route and additional information.
- b) 538 West Diversey (Old Bank of America Building). Discussions with a day care center are ongoing and appear to be moving forward.
- c) ADA Corner Ramps Work. ADA corner ramps work along Clark and Halsted is expected to be completed by the end of November 2018.
- d) Diversey Sewer Project. The Diversey sewer project has been postponed until early 2019. The project was postponed until after the holiday season to avoid further traffic congestion due to ongoing construction on Diversey.
- e) ID Drive. On Friday, November 16, 2018, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Alderman Tunney, along with Secretary of State Jesse White and City Clerk Anna Valencia will hold an ID Drive at the 19th District Police Station, 850 West Addison. Residents can get/renew their state ID, driver's license and City Key Card. License Plate stickers can also be purchased/renewed as well.
- f) Proposed Turf and Soccer Field. As a follow-up, Alderman Tunney mentioned that discussions with the Chicago Park District are ongoing for a proposed turf field for soccer and football (east of the driving range and Diversey Harbor). Details will continue to follow.
- g) Landmark District Neighborhood Update. As a follow-up, Alderman Tunney mentioned that he met with each single-family homeowner and each owner of the two/three flats that are being considered for landmark designation. The Landmark District conversations will continue with Alderman Tunney and the community. Details will continue to follow.
- h) Merlo Library on Belmont Renovation Update. The Merlo Library will be undergoing a 5 Million Dollar renovation. Ground breaking shall occur at the end of January 2019 or the beginning of February 2019. The new facility will be completed and open to the public by December 2019. A public meeting to present the scope of the renovation will be held in the near future.

5) NEW BUSINESS – None.

6) ANNOUNCEMENTS.

- a) None.
- b) Next meeting will be Monday, December 10, 2018.

7) MEETING ADJOURNMENT.

- a) The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

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Respectfully submitted,
Jan Sumrall – President, SELVN