

SOUTH EAST LAKEVIEW NEIGHBORS (SELVN)
General Meeting
January 14, 2019
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 January SELVN General Meeting was called to order by President Sumrall at 7:00 p.m. with 17 current members and 9 non-members in attendance.

2) GENERAL UPDATE – Jan Sumrall.

- a) Officer Election – 2019 Term. After the December 10, 2018 General Meeting, a brief Board Meeting was called to order to elect the officers for the 2019 term. The following Board Members were elected: Jan Sumrall, President, John Rafkin, Vice-President, Mary Knoblauch, Treasurer and Mary Davis, Secretary.
- b) 44th Ward Aldermanic Forum. Presented by the Lakeview Citizen’s Council and the East Lakeview & Lakeview Chamber of Commerce - January 17, 2019, 7:00 p.m. – Center on Halsted – 3656 North Halsted – Chicago, Illinois. Pre-Forum Reception – 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- c) License Plate Reader. A news conference was held on Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at the 19th District Police Station (850 West Addison) to roll out the License Plate Reader Program. The news conference was attended by Commander Buslik (19th District), Superintendent Johnson, Mayor Emanuel, Alderman Tunney and other neighboring political persons and local community representatives. Once the roll out is completed, there will be a total of 200 Police cars added to the fleet with license plate readers. Each District will have 6 cars with license plate readers. The license plate reader is affixed to the roof of the Police car. As the Police car moves down the street, the license plate reader scans every license plate. If a license plate is stolen, or as warrants, etc., then the scanner will immediately highlight the car in a red box. All of this activity is visible on the screen inside the Police car. A demonstration was provided. In addition, Mayor Emanuel noted that, through April 2019, the Police Academy will be graduating approximately 99 new Police Officers each month.
- d) New Businesses. A bridal salon opened at Diversey and Orchard. A “Coming Soon” sign is posted in the window of the shop next to the old Bootleggers Book Store promoting a new business that will sell nutritional drinks. A “Coming Soon” sign is also posted in the window of the shop next to the Bobtail Ice Cream Parlor promoting a new business called Body Bright which will provide facials.
- e) 19th District Steering Committee. The Steering Committee is all volunteers and provides events to the community and the 19th District Police, such as the Holiday Party for the

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needy children, senior citizens luncheons, dinner for the Police at Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, St. Jude's breakfast, and Police Appreciation Day. Any contributions to the Steering Committee is appreciated.

- f) Re-Define Lake Shore Drive Project. As a reminder, the Project is massive and will have a large impact on the area. All of the particulars of the Project are posted on www.northlakeshoredrive.org. Public meetings about the Project are ongoing and Alderman Tunney attends all of the meetings.
- g) 44th Ward Updates. See below.
- h) 19th Police District Twitter Account. The 19th Police District has a Twitter account. Daily postings include alerts, general activities and events.
- i) 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) **44th WARD UPDATE** – Jessica Papp.

- a) Municipal Election and Early Voting. The Municipal Election is Tuesday, February 26, 2019. Early voting is available from January 17, 2019 through February 10, 2019 at the Loop Super Site at 175 West Washington Street. Merlo Library, 644 West Belmont, is the early voting location for the 44th Ward. See Alderman Tunney's website for additional dates, times and locations in the Ward for early voting as well as information regarding applying online to vote by mail.
- b) Property Tax Exemption Workshop. Hosted by Alderman Tom Tunney and Commissioner Bridget Gainer – Friday, February 1, 2019 – 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. – 44th Ward District Office – 3223 North Sheffield, Chicago, Illinois.
- c) 538 West Diversey (Old Bank of America Building) Proposed Day Care Center. The parties are still working through construction plans. Buildout costs have escalated. Chris Jessup from Alderman Tunney's Office continues to meet with the owner of the property for updates. Alderman Tunney's Office will continue to provide updates.
- d) 3122 North Broadway (Old Bamee Noodle Shop). Due to a delay in receiving construction materials, work was temporarily stopped on the site. There are no changes to the plans and the developer will continue to move forward with construction of the project as approved.
- e) Proposed Turf and Soccer Field. At this time, there are no new updates on the status of discussions with Alderman Tunney and the Chicago Park District for a proposed turf field for soccer and football (east of the driving range and Diversey Harbor). Alderman's Tunney Office is waiting for the Feasibility Report, which is expected by January 18, 2019. Details will continue to follow as discussions continue.

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- f) Snow Removal. Mary Knoblauch asked for clarification of the snow removal ordinance. According to the Ordinance, snow must be removed by 10:00 a.m. the following day. However, “noise” equipment is not permitted before 8:00 a.m. Neighbors have complained about snow removal equipment operating before 8:00 a.m. The issue is: “how can a working home owner clear the sidewalks by 10:00 a.m. if they have to be at work or leave for work by 8:00 a.m., but cannot violate the “no noise” ordinance?” Jessica noted that this issue has been raised and it is being looked into. Liz Cohen asked about snow removal in the alleys. Jessica noted that the City does not clear the alleys. It is the responsibility of the property owners to remove the snow in the alley behind their property.

4) NEW BUSINESS – None.

5) ANNOUNCEMENTS.

- a) None.
- b) Next meeting will be Monday, February 11, 2019.

6) MEETING ADJOURNMENT.

- a) The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Sumrall – President, SELVN