

SOUTH EAST LAKEVIEW NEIGHBORS (SELVN)
General Meeting
February 11, 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 February SELVN General Meeting was called to order by President Sumrall at 7:00 p.m. with 17 current members and 11 non-members in attendance.

2) GENERAL UPDATE – Jan Sumrall.

- a) 44th Ward Aldermanic Forum (the “Forum”). The Forum was sponsored 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. The Forum was very successful with a final attendance count of 235. The Forum was taped and can be viewed on YouTube.
- b) LVCC (Lake View Citizen’s Council) Meeting. The LVCC Meeting was held February 7, 2019 at the 19th District Police Station, 850 West Addison. Chris Jessup (Alderman Tunney’s Office) attended the LVCC Meeting. See below for updates delivered by Chris Jessup at the LVCC Meeting.
- c) Merlo Library on Belmont Renovation Update – Delivered by Chris Jessup at the LVCC Meeting. The construction schedule is still on track to start March 1. As part of the renovation, space will be added for community meetings and after school programs.
- d) AIDS Garden Update – Delivered by Chris Jessup. The AIDS Garden is moving forward. The sculpture for the AIDS Garden is a Keith Haring sculpture. On or about August 2019, the sculpture will be manufactured in Rhode Island. The website for the AIDS Garden is www.AIDSGardenChicago.org. The general plan for the AIDS Garden can be viewed on the website. It is anticipated that the AIDS Garden will be completed by June 2020. Chris Jessup continues to participate in meetings to gather community input. Community input can be provided via the website.
- e) 19th District Update – Delivered by Chris Jessup. The 19th District currently has 385 Police Officers. The 19th District has the highest rate for arrests. However, not all of the cases have been prosecuted. The Police Department is working with the Attorney General’s Office to improve the prosecution of cases.
- 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. Chester Kropidlow is on the Transportation Committee

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for LVCC (Lake View Citizens Council). Public meetings about the Project are ongoing and Chester Kropidlow and Alderman Tunney attend all of the meetings.

- g) Strategic Decision Support Center. Residents are invited to an Open House at the 19th District Police Station (850 West Addison) on Tuesday, February 19, 2019 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. to learn about and tour the new Strategic Decision Support Center.
- h) 44th Ward Updates. See below.
- i) 19th Police District Twitter Account. The 19th Police District has a Twitter account. Daily postings include alerts, general activities and events.
- j) 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) CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT – PROPOSED TURF FIELD FOR SOCCER, LACROSSE AND FOOTBALL (EAST OF THE DRIVING RANGE) UPDATED PRESENTATION – Julie Smith and Lauren Quinn, Chicago Park District.

- a) The Park District and the Board of Education are working together on a turf field at the area east of the driving range for use by Lincoln Park High School and the public (the "Turf Field"). The Park District made the initial presentation of the Turf Field at the October 8, 2018 SELVN General Meeting.
- b) Julie Smith presented a revised plan of the proposed Turf Field. Julie also presented two (2) plans (i.e., Option A and Option B) which show alternative improvements to the area adjacent to the proposed Turf Field. Option A and Option B both outline the proposed location of the "Natural Area" and the lawn area as well as area where new trees will be planted. The revised plan and Option A and Option B to be posted on the SELVN website.
- c) The Turf Field will be approximately 184 x 398 in size and will be used as a soccer, lacrosse and football field. Upon completion of the project, the area will consist of 12.5 acres (i.e., 7 acres of Turf Field, approximately 4 acres of Natural Area and the remainder, lawn area with trees). In addition to the existing trees, thirty (30) trees will be planted consisting of a combination of willow trees and honey trees. The Natural Area will consist of a mix of plants and knee-high prairie grass. The prairie grass will sink down fifteen (15) feet, which helps absorb water. An underground water storage system will be installed that will capture storm water which will be infiltrated into the soil.
- d) The Turf Field will be available to Lincoln Park High School students for after school youth practice programs Monday through Friday and on the weekends. All other times, the Turf Field will be available to the public and permitted events. All hours of operation of the Turf Field will be overseen by the Park District. The dates and times the Turf Field will be used by Lincoln Park High School as well as dates and times to be used by the public (including permitted events) will be posted. In order to accommodate any night

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games, lighting will be installed so that the lighting faces Lake Shore Drive and not the surrounding buildings so that residents will not be disturbed. The lights will only be turned on during permitted times. There will be two (2) bleachers each with seating for twenty-five (25) people. There will be two berms each five feet (5') high, one at the north end of the Turf Field and one at the south end of the Turf Field. The berms can be used for additional seating. The cost of removing the soil that is dug up for the Turf Field is very costly. In order to save money on the project, the soil will be repurposed to make up the berms.

- e) The Park District will look into parking arrangements as well as creating a loading zone to accommodate parents and/or buses for dropping off and picking up students.
- f) The Park District does not have the budget to perform the project. The Chicago Public School system will contribute \$3M to the project and the Park District will contribute \$1M to the project. In addition, the Park District does not have the budget to install an underground water storage system or otherwise remedy the current flooding conditions to the proposed area of the Turf Field (collectively, "Flooding Remedy Work"). Therefore, if the project does not move forward with the Board of Education, then, due to budget restraints, the Park District will not perform any Flooding Remedy Work.
- g) The Alderman's Office will make arrangements for a public meeting for the Park District to make a presentation to the residents of SELVN as well as surrounding residents outside of SELVN. All residents are welcome to provide comments to the project as well as submit their preference of either Option A or Option B to the Park District or the Alderman's Office.

4) 44th WARD UPDATE – Jessica Papp.

- a) Municipal Election and Early Voting. The Municipal Election is Tuesday, February 26, 2019. 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.
- b) Shredding Event. To be held at Alderman Tunney's Office – Saturday, March 30, 2019 – 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. – 44th Ward District Office – 3223 North Sheffield, Chicago, Illinois.
- c) 538 West Diversey (Old Bank of America Building) Proposed Day Care Center. Buildout costs have escalated. The day care center is still interested in the site but has to go back to its committee for approval of the additional costs. 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). There have been delays in construction due to weather and delays in receiving construction materials. The developer intends to pour the foundation either February 11 or February 12. Thereafter, construction of the project will not commence again until spring.

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- e) Clark/Diversey (Old Walgreens). Revised plans omitting the proposed parking were submitted to and approved by the Planning Department. The developer received the permit to start demolition on March 15. The revised plans and construction schedule will be sent to Alderman Tunney's office and posted on Alderman Tunney's website. Anticipated completion of the project is April 2020.
- f) 3115 Broadway. The project has been on hold. The developer has submitted revised plans to Alderman Tunney's Office. Upon completion of the review of the revised plans with Alderman Tunney's Office, the revised plans will be presented at SELVN.
- g) 2941 North Clark (Old Buca de Beppo Site). Construction is ongoing. A home daycare center group has expressed interest in leasing space at the project.
- h) Landmark District Neighborhood Update. As one final push, a flyer requesting additional feedback will be sent to each single-family homeowner and each owner of the two/three flats that are being considered for landmark designation. Thereafter, the Alderman's Office will go to the Landmark Committee to start the process of the non-contiguous landmark area. Details will continue to follow.

5) NEW BUSINESS – None.

6) ANNOUNCEMENTS.

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

7) MEETING ADJOURNMENT.

- a) The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Sumrall – President, SELVN