

SOUTH EAST LAKEVIEW NEIGHBORS (SELVN)
General Meeting
December 9, 2019
Second Unitarian Church,
656 West Barry Street, 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 December SELVN General Meeting was called to order by President Sumrall at 7:05 p.m. with 19 current members and 9 non-members in attendance.

2) GENERAL UPDATE – Jan Sumrall.

- a) The Crepe Shop – 2934 Broadway. The Crepe Shop expanded and relocated to the old Bow-Truss space.
- b) Shoe Repair Shop. A shoe repair shop opened on Clark Street between Stan's Donuts and the Century Shopping Center.
- c) Pop-Up Bookstore. Carpe Librum opened as a pop-up bookstore selling used books at 2812 North Clark Street.
- d) Taco Bell – 3001 North Broadway. Taco Bell has opened.
- e) Business Closures. Pastoral on Broadway has closed. Vanille (next to the Unabridged Book Store on Broadway) announced on December 3 that it is closing the Broadway location. Please make efforts to shop local and support our small business owners.
- f) 19th District Steering Committee – Thanksgiving Day. The 19th District Steering Committee provided meals for the staff of the 19th District Police Department on Thanksgiving Day starting with the morning shift through the last shift.
- g) 19th District Steering Committee – Annual Children's Holiday Party. The 19th District Steering Committee will host the Annual Children's Holiday Party for approximately 250 children from numerous schools and shelters within the District. The party will be held on Saturday, December 14 at noon in the community room at the Police Station. Each child will receive a gift from Santa. Each child will also receive a pair of mittens and a hat. Refreshments will be served. A flyer is on the sign in table if you wish to donate.
- h) 19th District Steering Committee – Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. The 19th District Steering Committee will provide meals for the staff of the 19th District Police Department on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day starting with the morning shift through the last shift. A flyer is on the sign in table if you wish to donate.

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- i) Flyers. On the sign in table there are several flyers for safety tips during the Holiday Season, ride sharing tips, Smart 911, recycling of electronics and additional community information and menus.
- j) 19th Police District Twitter Account. The 19th Police District has a Twitter account. Daily postings include alerts, general activities and events.
- k) Chicago Alternative Policing Strategy (CAPS). Officer David Diaz is available to come to a resident's home or commercial business to provide a security assessment and safety tips for the residence, garage or business. Officer Diaz can be reached at david.diaz@chicagopolice.org.
- l) Re-Define Lake Shore Drive. All of the particulars of the Project are posted on www.northlakeshoredrive.org. In addition, there is a link on the website to sign up for the newsletter. Chester Kropidlow is on the Transportation Committee for LVCC (Lake View Citizens Council). Public meetings about the Project are ongoing and Chester Kropidlow and Alderman Tunney attend all of the meetings.
- m) Alderman Tunney Newsletter. Alderman Tunney's Office circulates a weekly newsletter every Thursday. The newsletter includes general updates, alerts and events (i.e., holiday events, donation drives, etc.) You can subscribe to the newsletter by signing up through Alderman Tunney's website.

3) SELVN BOARD NOMINATIONS – Jan Sumrall.

- a) In order to provide continuity, the two (2) year terms for Board Members are staggered.
- b) The current Board Members for the 2019-2020 term are York Chan, Robert Clarke, Liz Cohen, Mary Knoblauch and John Rafkin.
- c) The Slate of Candidates for the 2020-2021 term are Ted Argiris, Mary Davis, Don Franklin, Richard Gray, Tom James, Jan Sumrall and Abe Trieger.
- d) A motion was made by York Chan and seconded by Bob Clark to nominate and vote on the above slate of Board Members for the 2020-2021 term. A vote was taken with the following results: 14 votes for; 0 votes against; and 0 abstentions.
- e) There will be a very brief Board Meeting after the general meeting to elect the Officers for the 2020 term.

4) REPRESENTATIVE SARA FEIGENHOLTZ'S OFFICE SESSION UPDATE – Alyssa Goodstein, Acting Chief of Staff.

- a) Consolidated 649 downstate pension systems for police and firefighters.
- b) Clarified the new cannabis law with the Smoke-Free Illinois Act by only allowing public consumption at dispensaries or retail tobacco stores.

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- c) Passed prescription drug reform by reducing insulin co-pays to the maximum of \$100 per month to keep drugs more affordable.

5) 44th WARD UPDATE – Jessica Papp - Alderman Tom Tunney’s Office.

- a) Chicago Park District – Proposed Turf Field for Soccer, Lacrosse and Football (East of the Driving Range). The next meeting will be Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the Café at St. Joseph’s Hospital. The Park District will attend the meeting and present the revised plans detailing the new drainage plan.
- b) Scooter Program Update. Ted Argiris asked about the Scooter Program. Jessica advised that the Scooter Program falls under the Affairs of Consumer Protection Agency. At a later date, there will be a vote by the City Council on the Scooter Program.
- c) Intersection Update. Mary Knoblauch asked about an update on the safety changes to intersections, especially Broadway and Surf. Mary also asked about improving bike signage. Jessica advised that changes to intersections fall under the City of Chicago’s Vision Zero. The Vision Zero is a citywide action plan for safer traffic management. In a follow-up e-mail from Jessica, Jessica advised that the City no longer makes the “no bikes on sidewalks” signs. Alderman Tunney’s Office will continue to try and figure out a solution; perhaps working with the Chamber.
- d) Sidewalk/Landscape Restoration. Liz Cohen and Jeff Perkins asked about the sidewalk/landscaping restoration on Sheridan and on Wellington, west of Broadway. In a follow-up e-mail from Jessica, Jessica advised that Sheridan sidewalk restoration is underway and should be completed by the end of the week, or at the latest by early next week. The same for Wellington west of Broadway. Landscape restoration of parkways will be completed in the spring of 2020.
- e) Dog Park. Jeff Perkins asked about feedback from the December 5 Meeting presented by the Dog Friendly Area Committee for the proposed dog park (the “Dog Park”) north east of Telscer Playground (inner Lake Shore Drive and Barry). Jessica advised that the location of the proposed Dog Park has not been approved by the Park District. All of the feedback from the December 5 Meeting will be shared with the Park District. There will be several more public meetings. As noted at the December 5 Meeting, many residents oppose the location of the proposed Dog Park. One reason being the close proximity of the proposed Dog Park to Telscer Playground. The Dog Friendly Area Committee will continue to research areas for the proposed Dog Park and will submit the same to the Park District for review and approval.
- f) 3028 Lake Shore Drive House. Liz Cohen asked if there was an update on the status of the review of the landscaping installed by the property owner. Alderman Tunney’s Office has not received any further updates other than “run around” updates. Alderman Tunney’s Office will continue to follow up on the status with the Park District.
- g) Construction Updates. See Alderman Tunney’s Weekly Newsletter for additional construction updates in the area.

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6) NEW BUSINESS.

a) None.

7) ANNOUNCEMENTS.

a) Next meeting will be Monday, January 13, 2020.

8) MEETING ADJOURNMENT.

a) The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Sumrall – President, SELVN