

SOUTH EAST LAKEVIEW NEIGHBORS (SELVN)
General Meeting
January 13, 2020
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 January SELVN General Meeting was called to order by President Sumrall at 7:00 p.m. with 18 current members and 7 non-members in attendance.

2) GENERAL UPDATE – Jan Sumrall.

- a) Cuddle Bunny – 2901 North Clark. According to the postings, Cuddle Bunny is now open and starting to operate.
- b) Coco's Wonderland – 3135 North Broadway. Coco's Wonderland is now open. Its website offers children's party services and a children's play area. See the Coco's Wonderland website for details.
- c) Troy Restaurant – 2908 North Broadway. Troy restaurant is closed. It appears that there is activity in the space and that another restaurant will open.
- d) 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.
- e) Merlo Library. See below.
- f) 19th District Steering Committee – Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. The 19th District Steering Committee provided 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. All of the Police Officers were very grateful for the meals and the community support.
- g) East Lake View Neighbors ("ELVN") Expansion. Jonathan Green asked about the expansion of ELVN. Belmont Harbor Neighbors dissolved several years ago. ELVN is considering expanding its boundaries to include part of the area covered by Belmont Harbor Neighbors. There will be a vote at the February ELVN Meeting to expand the ELVN boundaries.
- h) Flyers. On the sign in table there are several flyers for safety tips, ride sharing tips, Smart 911, recycling of electronics and additional community information and menus.

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- i) 19th Police District Twitter Account. The 19th Police District has a Twitter account. Daily postings include alerts, general activities and events.
- j) 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.
- k) 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.
- l) Alderman Tunney Newsletter. Alderman Tunney's Office circulates a weekly newsletter every Thursday. The newsletter includes general updates, alerts and events (i.e., neighborhood events, donation drives, etc.) You can subscribe to the newsletter by signing up through Alderman Tunney's website.

3) PURGE – E-MAIL MEMBER LIST – Jan Sumrall. As mentioned in previous SELVN Meetings, in order to lower costs, we will be purging the e-mail member list on or about March 2020. Any person, business or group that is a paid member will remain on the e-mail list. Any person, business or group that has unsubscribed or has not been active for several years will be purged from the list. Prior to a final purge of the e-mail member list, an announcement of the purge will be sent to all members along with the steps that can be taken to remain on the e-mail member list.

4) BOARD OFFICERS – 2020 TERM – Jan Sumrall.

- a) In order to provide continuity, the two (2) year terms for Board Members are staggered.
- b) Elections for the 2020-2021 were held at the December 11, 2019 Meeting. The proposed Slate of Candidates was elected. Thereafter, a very brief Board Meeting was held to elect the Officers for the 2020 term. The following Officers were elected: (i) Jan Sumrall, President, (ii) John Rafkin, Vice President, (iii) Mary Davis, Secretary and (iv) Mary Knoblauch as Treasurer.

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

- a) Barry Sewer Main Replacement (Broadway to Pine Grove). Work by the Department of Water Management will start in mid-February with work to be finished by the end of May. See Alderman Tunney's website for continuing details.
- b) Merlo Library. The Library will be restocked by the end of March 2020. The Library will be open on March 17, 2020 in time for voting. Early voting will be at the 19th District Police Station, 850 West Addison.

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- c) Snow Removal. The sidewalks should be clear of snow. To report a sidewalk that is not cleared, either call 311 or Alderman Tunney's Office. If a resident needs assistance with snow removal, they can sign up for assistance on Alderman Tunney's website. If anyone is interested in volunteering to help with snow removal, they can also sign up as a contact on Alderman Tunney's website.
- d) Halsted/Wellington. Liz Cohen asked about a recent report aired by CBS about a manhole cover at Halsted and Wellington that was giving off an electric current. Jessica was not aware of the incident but will look into it. In a follow-up e-mail from Jessica, the Bureau of Electricity (the "BOE"), addressed the live line making the manhole (at the southeast corner of Halsted and Wellington) electrified. Live poles/lids are emergency service requests that are dispatched and addressed immediately. BOE is continuing to investigate how and why this lid was livened. Once Jessica receives more information, she will pass it on.
- e) Renaldi's Fire. Liz Cohen asked about the re-opening of Renaldi's. Jessica responded that the recent fire started in the Turkish restaurant next to Renaldi's. The apartments above Renaldi's were also damaged. Sadly, the owner of Renaldi's passed away this week. Renaldi's is currently restoring the property.
- f) Mural on Walgreens. Liz Cohen asked if the mural that was on the wall on the old Walgreen's building and Broadway and Diversey will be replaced. Jessica advised that the mural was marked by graffiti. As a part of the anti-graffiti program, the mural was covered over. Now a special coating is put on murals so that a mural cannot be marked over. At this time, there are no plans to replace the mural.
- g) Trees. Bob Clarke asked about what was being done with the existing trees that are located on a utility. Jessica advised that those trees are part of the tree planting process program and reviewed and addressed accordingly. There are currently 10-15 trees that are under review.
- h) Construction Updates. See Alderman Tunney's Weekly Newsletter for additional construction updates in the area.

6) NEW BUSINESS.

- a) None.

7) ANNOUNCEMENTS.

- a) Next meeting will be Monday, February 10, 2020.

8) MEETING ADJOURNMENT.

- a) The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Sumrall – President, SELVN