

SOUTH EAST LAKEVIEW NEIGHBORS (SELVN)
General Meeting
March 9, 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 March SELVN General Meeting was called to order by President Sumrall at 7:00 p.m. with 13 current members and 4 non-members in attendance.

2) GENERAL UPDATE – Jan Sumrall.

- a) Chicago Park District – Proposed Turf Field for Soccer, Lacrosse and Football (East of the Driving Range). The proposal for the Turf Field went before the Plan Commission on February 21, 2020 and was approved. See the 44th Ward Update as noted below.
- b) Merlo Library. There was a delay in construction due to issues with the exterior façade. The Library will be restocked and open by the end of June 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.
- c) Barry Sewer Main Replacement (Broadway to Pine Grove). Fifty percent (50%) of the sewer main pipe installation on Barry is complete. Completion down to Pine Grove is anticipated to be at the end of business on Monday, March 16, 2020. See Alderman Tunney's website for continued updates on the project.
- d) Shredding Day. Shredding Day will be March 14, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. to noon at the 44th Ward Office, 3223 North Sheffield.
- e) Coronavirus Disease 2019. On the sign in table are flyers that set forth general information, telephone numbers and websites for local updates and national updates. See the 44th Ward Update as noted below.
- f) Wellington Avenue United Church – 615 West Wellington. The congregation of the Wellington Avenue United Church (the "Church") is declining. As a result, the Church is looking to sell the property to a party that will keep the "church portion" intact and redevelop the remainder of the property. The Church would like to continue to provide services to the community. If anyone knows of a party that would be interested in the Church property, please have them contact the Church by calling the Church Office at (773) 935-0642.
- g) Lincoln Park Conservancy. The Lincoln Park Conservancy gave a presentation at the February SELVN Meeting outlining its purpose and projects. Flyers for The Lincoln Park

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Conservancy, including how to become a member, docent or a volunteer, are located on the sign in table. To learn more about how to become involved with The Lincoln Park Conservancy, go to: LincolnParkConservancy.org.

- 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.
- 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 in the near future. 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. An announcement of the purge was sent to all members January. Since then, we became aware that there was a glitch in the renewal process from an e-mail member to a paid member. Once the glitch has been resolved, a follow-up announcement will be sent to all members.

4) 44th WARD UPDATE – Jessica Papp - Alderman Tom Tunney's Office.

- a) Senior Citizen Sewer Rebate Information. See Alderman Tunney's website for the details on how to apply for the Senior Citizen Sewer Rebate.
- b) Chicago Park District – Proposed Turf Field for Soccer, Lacrosse and Football (East of the Driving Range). The proposal for the Turf Field went before the Plan Commission on February 21, 2020 and was approved. Construction of the Turf Field will commence in the spring of 2020 and open late fall. The sewers will be cleaned and a basic maintenance plan for the sewers will be put in place so that the sewers will be cleaned on a regular basis. Landscaping will commence in the spring of 2021.

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- c) 641 Belmont. Don Franklin asked about the sewer in front of 641 Belmont. There is a smell coming from the sewer and it might be backed up. Jessica will look into it.
- d) Waterloo Catch Basins. Liz Cohen asked if the catch basins on Waterloo were cleared.
 - (i) In a follow-up e-mail dated March 11, Dan Manoli, Director of Infrastructure, Office of Alderman Tunney, responded "I visited the 3200 block of Waterloo yesterday afternoon and found that water at all four catch basins on the block had drained from the street and all areas were dry. It is not uncommon for rain water to collect and slowly drain from the street surface into the sewer mains especially after the Department of Water Management installed restrictor valves in a majority of the city's catch basins. https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/depts/bldgs/supp_info/blocking_rainwaterandpreventing_sewerbackup.html Dan also provided the following article: "City of Chicago:: Blocking Rainwater and Preventing Sewer Backup: Looking out the window as one flies into O'Hare airport, a sea of rooftops fills the Chicago landscape. And off those rooftops, much rain does run straight into the city's sewer system. www.chicago.gov"
- e) 3180 Broadway. Liz Cohen asked about the status of the chiropractor's business located at 3180 Broadway. There has been no activity in the space for a while. Jessica was not aware if the business closed but will look into it.
- f) Repainting of Marker Lines. Liz Cohen asked when the marker lines in the streets will be repainted. Jessica responded that she thought they were repainted in April and May. Jessica suggested that Liz reached out to Dan Manoli to confirm the schedule and the streets designated for marker lines repainting.
- g) Sheridan/Diversey Construction. Tom James asked about the 5G project at Sheridan and Diversey. Tom said it appeared that 5G work at this location was done several months ago. Is this a duplication of work and why is there a lack of coordination? (i) In a follow-up e-mail dated March 11 from Dan Manoli, Dan advised that "With regards to Diversey and Sheridan specifically, two 5G projects late last fall were coordinated through the Chicago Department of Transportation's Project Coordination office in an effort to bring all parties with slated projects to the location at once so that no additional digging was done post restoration. As I am sure you can recall in the past, prior to the Project Coordination Office being established at CDOT, it was very common and almost a given that after the city resurfaced a street it would be opened up by several different departments or utilities. https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/depts/cdot/provdrs/construction_information/news/2013/apr/city_s_project_coordinationofficeenterssecondconstructionseason.html" (ii) In addition, Dan cited the following article: "City of Chicago - City's Project Coordination Office Enters Second Construction Season in Partnership with Utilities. Mayor Emanuel announced today that the City of Chicago's Project Coordination Office (PCO) will enter a second construction season with the purpose of coordinating the schedules of infrastructure improvement projects of city departments and electric, gas and telecommunication utilities in an effort to eliminate duplicative work, save resources and reduce the amount of time Chicago's ... www.chicago.gov"

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- h) Erosion of the Lake Front. Tom James asked about the status of the resolution of the erosion of the lake front which has been going on for ten (10) years. Jessica responded that the rising and the lowering of lake levels is cyclical. The City is working with the state Army Corp of Engineers for a resolution. The City is working with the federal government to secure funding to do a study of the same.
- i) Coronavirus Disease 2019 – Communication Update. (i) The Alderman’s Office is in daily communication with the Chicago Health Department. The Chicago Health Department maintains a website. The website is constantly updated. For local updates, visit www.chicago.gov/coronavirus. For national updates, visit www.cdc.gov/coronavirus. If you have any questions, e-mail coronavirus@chicago.gov or call (312) 746-4835. (ii) A resident asked if there was a reach out to the homeless. Ted from the Night Ministry said that, in addition to the regular services the Night Ministry provides to the homeless, the Night Ministry is providing sanitizer and gloves to the homeless.
- j) Construction Updates. See Alderman Tunney’s Weekly Newsletter for additional construction updates in the area.

1) NEW BUSINESS.

- a) None.

2) ANNOUNCEMENTS.

- a) Next meeting will be Monday, April 13, 2020.

3) MEETING ADJOURNMENT.

- a) The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Sumrall – President, SELVN