

**SOUTH EAST LAKEVIEW NEIGHBORS (SELVN)**  
**General Meeting**  
**February 8, 2021**  
**Second Unitarian Church,**  
**656 West Barry Street, Chicago, IL**

**SELVN Meeting Minutes at [selvn.org](http://selvn.org)**

**MINUTES**

**1) WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**, President Jan Sumrall.

- a) The meeting was a **virtual** meeting. 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 7:12 p.m. with 7 board members, 2 guest speakers and 7 members/non-members.

**2) GENERAL UPDATE** – Jan Sumrall.

- a) Carjacking – Public Safety Community Forum. Alderman Tunney and Alderman Smith jointly sponsored a virtual forum on carjacking and public safety on February 2, 2021. 600 residents were registered for the forum. See below, 44th Ward Update.
- b) Accessory Dwelling Units Ordinance. The Southport Neighbors Association Board invited the Community Directed Development Council members to attend its January 25 virtual meeting for the presentation by Patrick Murphy, Zoning Administrator, on additional dwelling units. In summary, the additional dwelling units program is a three (3) year pilot program that impacts the 44th Ward west of Halsted. The additional dwelling units program allows for the conversion of existing residential buildings and coach houses to additional dwelling units. The guidelines and zoning requirements are posted on the Department of Planning and Development website. Jan Sumrall and York Chan are Community Directed Development Council members. Jan Sumrall attended the meeting.
- c) 19th Police District Twitter Account. The 19th Police District has a Twitter Account. Daily postings include alerts, general activities and events.
- d) Lakeview East Chamber of Commerce. The website includes general information regarding events, local specials, restaurants and stores that are open, as well as suggestions to help local businesses. The website is [www.lakevieweast.com](http://www.lakevieweast.com)
- e) 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, construction updates, donation drives, etc.). You can subscribe to the newsletter by signing up through Alderman Tunney's website.
- f) Re-Define Lake Shore Drive. All of the particulars of the Project, including exhibits, are posted on [www.northlakeshoredrive.org](http://www.northlakeshoredrive.org). In addition, there is a link on the website to sign up for the newsletter.

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g) Construction Updates. See below, 44th Ward Update.

### **3) COMMUNITY DIRECTED DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (“CDDC”) MEETING UPDATE – Jan Sumrall and York Chan.**

- a) The CDDC virtual meeting was held January 27. Jan Sumrall and York Chan attended the meeting.
- b) As noted at the CDDC meeting, phase two of the Advocate Illinois Masonic Hospital expansion plan is ongoing. Construction work on the parking garage is underway. Continue to check Alderman Tunney’s website for ongoing street closures in connection with said construction work.
- c) As noted at the CDDC meeting, in response to economic conditions, Alderman Tunney wants to study five (5) different areas in the ward for a change to B2 zoning. B2 zoning would permit existing commercial spaces to be used for residential use including live/work units. This would be a pilot program (the “Pilot Program”). The area that would be part of the Pilot Program covers the East side of Halsted from Diversey Parkway to Oakdale. As discussions of the Pilot Program progress, updates will be provided to the applicable neighborhood groups.

### **4) GENERAL DISCUSSIONS.**

- a) A general discussion occurred regarding the Pilot Program. Maureen Martino (“Martino”), Executive Director of Lakeview East Chamber of Commerce (the “Chamber”), noted that she is and will continue to be included in discussions and input with the Alderman’s Office on the effects of the Pilot Program. Martino said that even though we are experiencing depopulation and there is a value to the Pilot Program, we need to be careful going forward and look closely at future concerns.
- b) Martino said that the Chamber is working on a recovery plan for businesses operating in the Lakeview East area. General comments were noted about the success of the Dining out on Broadway program. York Chan asked if that program could be expanded in other areas of Selvn, such as Clark Street. Martino noted that the Chamber was looking into other closures as well as other creative solutions for outdoor dining.
- c) Mary Davis (“Davis”) shared that she read an article about a town in the Hamptons that filled empty storefronts with works by local artists. Davis found the program creative and that it could be applicable to many of the empty-storefronts in Lakeview. Martino noted that the Chamber has been working with local artists and displaying their work in storefronts. There currently are two such displays on Clark Street. Martino said that she would work with Davis on the existing local artists program and any other applicable grant program.
- d) There was a brief discussion regarding bus stops and crosswalks that were impassable due to the recent inclement weather. Liz Cohen learned of a group called Better Streets Chicago that was looking to organize people who were interested in helping to clear bus

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stops and crosswalks. Better Streets Chicago consists of everyday people advocating for better walking, biking and transit infrastructure. The website is [www.betterstreetschicago.org](http://www.betterstreetschicago.org). Martino noted that the SAA cleans out bus shelters.

**5) 44th WARD UPDATE – Calvin Cottrell - Alderman Tom Tunney’s Office.**

- a) Car Jacking – Public Safety Community Forum. Panelists included in the forum were the Commander of the 18th Police District, the Commander of the 19th Police District, other Police Officials and representatives from the State’s Attorney’s Office. The Forum is posted on Alderman Tunney’s website under Services – Public Safety.
- b) Covid-19. Continue to view Alderman Tunney’s website for updates on Covid-19 and the vaccination program.
- c) Alley Lighting. Additional lights will be installed in the alley between 2800 North Sheridan and 2800 North Pine Grove.
- d) Chicago Park District – Proposed Turf Field for Soccer, Lacrosse and Football (East of the Driving Range). Bob Clark again raised the question that he asked at the January Selvn Meeting if games (other than practice games by students) were going to be played at the turf field. In response, Calvin said that he talked to his colleague in Alderman Tunney’s Office, Jessica Papp, and she was familiar with particulars of the turf field. Jan Sumrall said she would reach out to Jessica. In a follow-up e-mail, Jessica advised that “(i) the scoreboard being installed at the turf field is a standard scoreboard and is the same at all the other practice fields, including Montrose; and (ii) the only games that will be played there will be ones through Chicago Social Club, or the other small groups that occasionally rent the field. Those are more intramural type “games” meaning just the people that signed up to play will be in attendance.”
- e) General and Construction Updates. See Alderman Tunney’s Weekly Newsletter for general updates, events, construction updates and street cleaning, etc. in the area.

**1) NEW BUSINESS.**

- a) None.

**2) ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

- a) Next meeting will be Monday, March 8, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.
- b) Next CAPS Meeting will be a virtual meeting on Monday, April 12, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

**3) MEETING ADJOURNMENT.**

- a) The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jan Sumrall – President, SELVN