

SOUTH EAST LAKEVIEW NEIGHBORS (SELVN)
General Meeting
February 14, 2022
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 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 7:04 p.m. with 6 board members, 1 guest speaker and 6 members/non-members.

2) OFFICE OF SENATOR SARA FEIGENHOLTZ – UPDATE – Senator Feigenholtz

- a) Senator Feigenholtz attended the Crime Forum on January 26, 2022 (see below, General Update, Paragraph 3.e.). To address some of the concerns raised in the Crime Forum, the following are some of the crime-solving problems that are being focused on: (i) redrafting parts of the recent crime bills that have been passed; (ii) helpful technology to solve crimes; (iii) strategy to recruit Chicago Police Officers; (iv) adding cameras on Lake Shore Drive; and (v) adding more license plate readers. Technology, such as cameras and license plate readers, has been crucial in solving many recent crimes.
- b) The EPA has closed all of the emission testing locations in the city. They are trying to move emission testing back into the city by setting up kiosks within the city limits.
- c) The state is working on (i) paying down pension funds and (ii) help for small businesses.
- d) Bob Clarke asked about mask mandates. Our area is mostly masked. Senator Feigenholtz said parents are torn. Masks are taking a toll on children. People are over it. We are in a wait and see period and we are hoping for the best.
- e) Fidel Galano asked about help for workers when sick. Senator Feigenholtz said that they are working on a bill for family leave which would address paid leave when someone is sick or if a family member is sick.
- f) The specifics of any bill that Senator Feigenholtz is working on can be viewed on her website or the State of Illinois website.
- g) If anyone needs help or assistance, they can reach out to Senator Feigenholtz and her staff at sara@senatorsara.com.

3) GENERAL UPDATE – Jan Sumrall.

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- a) Storefronts. Several of the storefronts on Broadway and Clark appear to show signs of work in the spaces and/or coming soon signs.
- b) Big City Optical – 2743 North Clark. Big City Optical has opened.
- c) Driving Range. The driving range netting is being replaced. Hence, the temporary fence to allow the netting to be replaced. The Park District's Forestry Department went through the area and did a much-needed tree trimming and also removed several dead bushes. The bushes will be replaced with lilac bushes. Three (3) dead trees were removed from the driving range. The netting project began on or about January 10, 2022 and is expected to last (weather permitting) ten (10) weeks.
- d) Lake View Citizen's Council ("LVCC") Meeting Update. The LVCC Virtual Meeting was held January 26, 2022. Jan Sumrall and York Chan attended the LVCC Virtual Meeting. The following are updates from the LVCC Virtual Meeting. (i) Work on Advocate Illinois Masonic Hospital's Phase Two Expansion Plan is ongoing. The Phase Two Expansion Plans are posted on Alderman Tunney's website. (ii) There was presentation for a proposed three (3) building development (located outside of SELVN) at 3349, 3421, and 3431 North Ashland. The plans for the proposed development are posted on Alderman Tunney's website.
- e) Crime Forum. SELVN'S sister organization, East Lake View Neighbors, hosted the second virtual Crime Forum on January 26, 2022. Senator Sara Feigenholtz, Alderman Tunney, Alderman Cappleman, Congressman Quigley, Commander Jessani (19th District), an Assistant District Attorney and Deputy Mayor of Public Safety, John O'Malley, participated in the Crime Forum. Deputy Mayor John O'Malley was with the U.S. Marshalls Service for 25 years. There were approximately one hundred fifty-five (155) residents that virtually attended the Crime Forum. The Crime Forum is posted on the East Lake View Neighbors website.
- f) 19th Police District Twitter Account. The 19th Police District has a Twitter Account. Daily postings include alerts, general activities, and events.
- g) Chicago Alternative Policing (CAPS). Officer David Diaz was available to come to a resident's home, rental and/or condominium building or commercial business to provide a security assessment and safety tips. Officer Diaz retired on January 15, 2022. If you are interested in a security assessment, please reach out to CAPS.019district @chicagopolice.org. or call (312) 744-0064.
- h) 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
- i) 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.

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- j) Re-Define Lake Shore Drive. All of the particulars of the Project, including exhibits, are posted on www.northlakeshoredrive.org. In addition, there is a link on the website to sign up for the newsletter.

4) 44th WARD UPDATE – Alderman Tom Tunney/Calvin Cottrell - Alderman Tom Tunney's Office.

- a) Covid Testing. Merlo Library will be hosting Alderman Tunney's Covid Testing (PCR and Rapid Tests) on February 16, 2022 and February 23, 2022. Appointments are required. See Alderman Tunney's website for details and making an appointment.
- b) General and Construction Updates. See Alderman Tunney's Weekly Newsletter for additional 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 14, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.
- b) Next CAPS Meeting will be a virtual meeting on Monday, April 11, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.

3) MEETING ADJOURNMENT.

- a) The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Sumrall – President, SELVN