

SOUTH EAST LAKEVIEW NEIGHBORS (SELVN)
General Meeting
November 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 November SELVN General Meeting was called to order by President Sumrall at 7:05 p.m. with 6 board members, 4 guest speakers and 2 members/non-members.

2) REPRESENTATIVE MARGARET CROKE – UPDATE – Jacqueline Duarte, Chief of Staff, Representative Croke’s Office.

- a) Representative Croke has been working on (i) women’s rights bills; (ii) gun rights bills; and (iii) the removal of the requirement under HMO’s that a referral is needed to see a specialist.
- b) If anyone needs help or assistance, they can reach out to Representative Croke and her staff at info@repcroke.com

3) 2943 NORTH HALSTED – RENOVATION PROJECT AND CHANGE IN ZONING FROM RM-4.5 TO RM-5 – Eric Renkens and Nick Yassan (the “Property Owners”); Goran Simic, Deconstruct Architecture; Tyler Manic, Esq.; and Matt Allee, Esq.

- a) At the October 10 Selvn Meeting, the Property Owners presented plans to renovate the existing building and construct four (4) rental residential units, in the basement level, first, second and third floors. The Property Owners requested a change in zoning from RM-4.5 to RM-5 in order to build out the units to the desired size because the square footage of the lot is not standard.
- b) Pursuant to comments from the October 10 Selvn Meeting, the Property Owners agreed on the following additional considerations: (i) the change with the window limitation so that a “patio pit” would not be created; and (ii) that the property would be downzoned to the original zoning post-construction.
- c) Don Franklin made a motion to approve the change in zoning from RM-4.5 to RM-5 based on the revised plans presented at the Selvn Meeting and the above referenced additional considerations as noted in paragraph b. York Chan seconded the motion. A vote was taken with the follow results. 8 yes, 0 no, and 0 abstention.

4) GENERAL UPDATE – Jan Sumrall.

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- a) Storefronts. Several of the storefronts on Broadway and Clark continue to show signs of work in the spaces and/or coming soon signs. See below.
- b) Antique Shop– 2929 North Broadway. Open.
- c) Now Spa – 3122 North Broadway. Open.
- d) Food Rocket (Convenience Store) – 2927 North Halsted. Open.
- e) Salon Suite – 2817 North Broadway. Open. The Salon Suite leases space to barbers, hairdressers and operators that perform makeup and waxing.
- f) Crime Forum. Selvn’s sister organization, East Lake View Neighbors (“ELVN”), hosted another virtual Crime Forum on November 3, 2022. An update of the Crime Forum will be presented at the ELVN November 15 Meeting. As in the past, the Crime Forum will be posted on the ELVN website.
- g) Neighborhood Holiday Events. There will be a tree lighting event in the Walgreens parking lot at 3646 North Broadway. Gallagher Way will be holding its annual Winterland Event during the holiday season. Residents can participate in the Lake View East Chamber of Commerce Shop Local Program. If you save \$300 in receipts, you can receive a \$50 gift certificate. See the Lakeview East Chamber of Commerce website for additional information, times, and particulars of the events as well as additional holiday events.
- h) The 19th Police District 2023 Strategic Plan. The Community Conversation virtual zoom meeting was held on October 26, 2022. The Community Conversation in person meeting was held on October 27, 2022. The meetings were broken down into round table discussions. The comments were productive and similar. The comments mostly focused on continued community relations and a more visible Police presence.
- i) The 19th Steering Committee. Thanksgiving meals will be provided for the Officers on Wednesday evening, November 23 and for all shifts on Thursday, November 24.
- 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 (CAPS). An officer from the CAPS Office is available to come to a resident’s home, rental and/or condominium building or commercial business to provide a security assessment and safety tips. If you are interested in a security assessment, please reach out to CAPS.019district @chicagopolice.org. or call (312) 744-0064.
- l) 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

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- m) 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.
- n) Re-Define Lake Shore Drive. All of the particulars of the Project, including exhibits, are posted on www.northdusablelakeshoredrive.org. In addition, there is a link on the website to sign up for the newsletter. It is anticipated that there will be a community meeting that will provide updates on the Re-Define Lake Shore Drive Plan in winter 2022 or early 2023.

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

- a) 44th Ward Update. No report.
- b) Public Safety Updates. See Alderman Tunney's website for public safety updates.
- c) 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, December 12, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.
- b) Next CAPS Meeting will be a virtual meeting on Monday, December 12, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.

3) MEETING ADJOURNMENT.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Sumrall – President, SELVN