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**SELVN Meeting Minutes at selvn.org**

# MINUTES

# WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS, President Jan Sumrall.

* 1. The meeting was a **virtual** meeting. Board members were introduced for the benefit of new members/attendees.
  2. The August SELVN General Meeting was called to order by President Sumrall at 7:02 p.m. with 6 Board members, 1 guest speaker and 11 members/non-members.

1. **OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN MIKE QUIGLEY – ILLINOIS FIFTH DISTRICT – UPDATE** – Congressman Quigley.
   1. Congressman Quigley has been attending Selvn Meetings and providing updates since 1982. Congressman Quigley joined the virtual meeting from his office in Washington, D.C.
   2. They are working on a bipartisan bill for next century infrastructure. This will be the largest public transportation bill in history. Funds are going to road and bridges. As an example, some of the funds will be allocated for upgrading school buildings and park district facilities and bike trails.
   3. They are also working on a climate change and “human services” bill.
   4. If anyone needs help or assistance, they can reach out to Congressman Quigley and his staff using his website at https://quigley.house.gov/contact.
2. **GENERAL UPDATE** – Jan Sumrall**.**
   1. Storefronts. Several of the storefronts on Broadway and Clark appear to show signs of work in the spaces.
   2. Dine Out on Broadway. The remaining dates for Dine Out on Broadway are: (i) August 13 – 15; (ii) August 27 – 29; and September 17 – 19. The dates, times and restaurants participating in the Dine Out on Broadway program are on the Lakeview East Chamber of Commerce website. See below.
   3. National Night Out. The 19th Police District National Night Out was held August 3, 2021, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Welles Park, 2333 West Sunnyside. There was food, face painting, a magic show, give-aways and a raffle for two bicycles. Walgreens provided a booth for anyone that was eligible and wanted a vaccine.
   4. Golf Outing. The 19th Police District Golf Outing will be August 19, 2021, at Marovitz Golf Course. The golf outing is sponsored by the 19th District Steering Committee.
   5. Woogms Parade. Liz Cohen noted that the Labor Day Woogms Parade is back! The Woogms Parade will kick off Monday, September 6, 2021, at 11:00 a.m. from Wellington and Pine Grove.
   6. 19th Police District Twitter Account. The 19th Police District has a Twitter Account. Daily postings include alerts, general activities and events.
   7. Chicago Alternative Policing (CAPS). Officer David Diaz 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. Office Diaz can be reached at david.diaz@chicagopolice.org.
   8. 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)
   9. 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.
   10. Re-Define Lake Shore Drive. See below, 44th Ward Update. 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.
   11. Construction Updates. See below, 44th Ward Update.

# 44th WARD UPDATE – Alderman Tom Tunney/Bennett Lawson, Chief of Staff - Alderman Tom Tunney’s Office.

* 1. Surf/Broadway. The pedestrian crosswalk was installed at Surf and Broadway. Some of the residents suggested that “rapid lights” or pedestrian crossing signs should be added.
  2. 662-664 Wellington. As mentioned at a previous Selvn Meeting, the building will not be demolished but restored. The developer has applied for a variance to convert the building into a four-story building with a basement. A zoning change is not required.
  3. 3179 North Clark Street – Retail Redevelopment Project. Demolition has started on the site. The property is being developed pursuant to right under the existing zoning. The developer is still unable to disclose the name of the grocery store. The plans for the redevelopment are posted on Alderman Tunney’s website.
  4. Merlo Library. The elevator was mal-functioning. A temporary fix was made. The elevator will be replaced.
  5. AIDS Garden. It is anticipated that the infrastructure work on the AIDS Garden will be completed by November 2021 and plantings will start in spring 2022.
  6. Night Ministry. Ted from the Night Ministry gave a general update on their work with the homeless. The Night Ministry is helping the homeless through its various programs, including via the Health Outreach Bus. The Night Ministry has been able to vaccinate approximately 600 people. The Night Ministry has received federal funds that has helped to move some of the homeless into housing. Richard Gray mentioned the Chicago Continuation of Care Program which also works to prevent and end homelessness.
  7. 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. **REPRESENTATIVE MARGARET CROKE UPDATE** – Representative Croke and Jessica Lach, Chief of Staff, Office of Representative Croke.
   1. Representative Croke is working on funding for small businesses. See Representative Croke’s website for application information and dates.
   2. Representative Croke is working on the state credit rating increase.
   3. Kelly Park received a beautification grant.
   4. If anyone needs assistance or help, they can reach out to Representative Croke and her staff at info@repcroke.com.
2. **NEW BUSINESS.**
   1. None.
3. **ANNOUNCEMENTS.**
   1. Next meeting will be Monday, September 13, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.
   2. Next CAPS Meeting will be a virtual meeting on Monday, October 11, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.
4. **MEETING ADJOURNMENT.** 
   1. The meeting adjourned at7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Sumrall – President, SELVN