

West Lakeview Neighbors Meeting Minutes

May 10, 2011; 6:30

Zoning and permit requests - Tom Kelley, Chair of P&D Committee

The owners of 3557 N. Marshfield and their attorney made a presentation with drawings of a proposed project for a “seasonal” hotdog/soft serve ice-cream stand. Currently on the property, there are 2 existing structures: 1) a small building at the rear of the property and 2) an existing 4-flat. The Marshfield property runs adjacent to Addison, so that the small building faces Addison. The proposed project will require the rehab of the small building, and as such, will require a zoning change for the construction permits. Currently, the property is non-conforming with the RS-3 zoning. After completion of the presentation and discussion among those present, Patricia Craig made the motion for WLVN to recommend that we support the project and the appropriate up-zoning to B2-3 and that upon the completion of the project, that the property be returned to a lower business zoning of B1-1 or as appropriate along with an agreement or covenant stipulating the down-zoning. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

El Tapitio wants to extend their existing outdoor café to include an area designated as a dog friendly café area. The “dog friendly” designation is a newer type of city café permit with special rules and requirements. The cafe would be extended west by an additional 30’ so that this additional section can be designated as dog friendly. The dog friendly area would be separate from the other diners. It will seat 14 people, and will be the first one licensed in our part of the city. Only water can be provided by the restaurant for dogs. The WLVN Board had approved this request for recommendation at a previous meeting. Patricia Craig moved to support the “pet friendly café” addition and further moved that it be noted that we love dogs. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Diane Marsalek, LVCC President, made announcements of upcoming events in the neighborhood. Details are on the website, lakeviewcitizens.org

Car sharing Opportunities- A representative for Zipcar, Carolyn Hahn, stated the company has been in Chicago since ’06, has 14 locations in Lakeview, and is the largest car-sharing company in the world.

The I-Go representative said the company has been based here in Chicago since ’02 and is a non-profit. It started as a pilot, and is now a successful competitor of Zipcar. Emphasis is on hybrids and will be rolling out electric cars. Located at Whole Foods in WLVN, Lakeview has the highest percentage in the city. Processing may take only 3-5 business days. One’s driving record is the only thing that’s really checked. Reservation can be made in minutes if cars are available

and can be booked in advance. 180 miles round-trip is included in the rental and then a cost per mile. Has a combo of CTA Chicago Plus card and I-go card.

Max from Ald Tunney's office made a few announcements. Alderman Tunney will be the new Chairman of Economic Development Committee for the city council.

LAMP Implementation Update - Heather Way, Director of Lakeview Chamber of Commerce. Is Lakeview family friendly, a destination for shopping and a place to move? Enhanced pedestrian experience, premiere shopping and more restaurants were the top 3 factors from a survey conducted for LVCC. Activities for children will be initiated in Sheil Park Field House and classes for older children. Lincoln/Belmont/Ashland intersection is to be renovated through the SSA, but will probably take 2-3 years before the project begins. Bikesharing will be set up with 60 bikes. The "Low Line", a pedestrian walkthrough under the CTA tracks, and the open space at Lincoln and Marshfield are still in the works.

Lakeviewchamber.com has a link to the LAMP documents.

RoscoeView Journal editor, Mike Fourcher announced a new site that covers Roscoe Village and west Lakeview. The site covers events in the neighborhood, i.e. free movies, park events, news and information. WLVN will have a link on it. The website is RoscoeViewJournal.com

The next WLVN meeting is Tuesday July 12th at Mystic Celt on Southport.