

# West Lakeview Neighbors Meeting Minutes

**July 12, 2011; 6:30**

**Ann Williams, State Representative** - reviewed budget process in the last session. Final budget was voted on, but it will be reviewed again in the fall. Higher education, raises, job cuts were in the discussion. Teachers bill was approved, performance based tenure, lengthening school day was reviewed. Workman's compensation reform was passed, rates for doctors and hospitals were reduced. State pension plan was frozen, it's still being discussed. Big ComEd bill did pass for automatic rate increases, governor is threatening to veto it. She supported gaming bill for casinos. Redistricting is done, Lakewood is now the eastern border of her district. Worked on clean energy issues and cancer treatment in health plans, bill would cover oral treatment. She wants to know what's going on in the neighborhood, anything she should be aware of, what's important. Her office is at 1726 W. Belmont, phone 773-880-9082.

**Max Bever from Alderman Tunney's office** - Just met with police, entertainment streets should have more patrolmen between midnight and 6:00am. The 44<sup>th</sup> ward is in 2 police districts, the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. Smash and grab from cars is high. Garage break-ins are also on the rise.

**LVCC update** – Diane Marselek, President, announced outdoor movies at Hawthorne School on School St. and 19<sup>th</sup> precinct seminar on cyber bullying, Thursday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, at 7:00. One armed robbery occurred recently in the neighborhood. More officers are now on the street after conflict on Halsted. New proposed park, at 1240 W. School, needs more funding, go to [schoolplaylot.com](http://schoolplaylot.com) to make contributions. One lot is purchased. Diane asked for help from WLVN to raise 2 million dollars. Nothing has progressed on the development at Addison and Clark. Centrum project, at Ashland and Belmont, is on hold. Web site is [www.lakeviewcitizens.org](http://www.lakeviewcitizens.org)

**Cubs update** - Jennifer Dedes Nowicki stated the July 31 and Aug 1<sup>st</sup> Paul McCartney concerts will have additional security. Outdoor festival will be on the Cubs parking lot, Aug 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> during the St Louis series. After this season, there will be a Wrigleyville neighbors event. Night game permit parking is also in force for concerts. Concerning the triangle property at Clark and Addison, the Cubs organization hosted workshops with community groups for suggestions, then a survey. Neighbors want to see retail, farmer's market, open space, parking. Survey results to come. Skating rink may not be there this winter, it's contracted out.

**Lakeview Chamber update** - more art will be installed in Lakeview, gym will be in the building beside the Southport CTA station.

**Business introductions:**

Tom Lee, one of 3 business partners in Northdown Café and Taproom. The café opened May 10<sup>th</sup>, at 3244 N. Lincoln Ave. Focus on Midwest comfort food, with a wide variety of beers. Everything is made from scratch. The business makes charitable contributions to the neighborhood. Hours M-F 11:00am – 2:00am, opens 9:00am on weekends.

John Lyons of Lyons Eyewear- 3250 N. Lincoln. Family owned and operated. All ages are treated.

Cory Miller from Core Power Yoga, at 3232 North Lincoln. Hot and Power yoga classes are offered. Free week for new students. 6:00am – 8:30pm.

**Announcements:**

Will DeMille, President, announced there are 2 vacancies on the WLVN board to be filled. Anyone interested should contact him.

Stacy Paradis – announced the community garden at Hamilton is now being planted. Asphalt is coming up for green space and next year the other side will be worked on. Money has been raised for this year's project. HAT (the Hamilton Action Team) is producing a coupon book to raise money.