



WEST LAKEVIEW NEIGHBORS

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West Lakeview Neighbors Meeting Minutes

September 10, 2013; 7:00pm; Mystic Celt; 25 people present

Will DeMille, President, called the meeting to order at 7:00

Crime in Lakeview

Commander Voulgaris brought up the robberies, and stated crimes are down. Burglaries are down, but there have been a couple of robberies of Southport businesses recently. Belmont Ave., by the el, still attracts criminals. Three Hispanic males have hit the area multiple times, perhaps as many as 7 robberies in this District. Route patrols have been increased, a foot patrolman on Southport will be reinstated. Homeless individuals have increased in number in this area. Will volunteered to work with other city services to help these people. The Crib shelter has 20 beds, and fills them with a lottery system. When people are turned away they go into the neighborhood. The police want a commitment from them to pick out 20 people and give them the beds on an ongoing basis, so that so many people don't show up. An entertainment team was created. A tactical team targets Clark and will also patrol the surrounding neighborhood. The commander asked that we please contact him with any info, comments, complaints, anything. He is using administrative people on the street.

Question: Is it true that 12 officers have been pulled from this district to be part of the mayor's security force? Quite a few officers, due to promotions and retirements, are gone after the unification of the 23rd and 19th, 320 officers are now in this district. Bikers and foot officers are both good deterrents.

Question: What is the strategy in shifting officers around the entertainment area and Wrigley Field? The beat officers stay on their beats. A team will be assigned to this area on Southport. Uptown will have more officers.

Question: Will there be a stop, question and frisk procedure?

He encourages his officers to do that. If you see anyone suspicious, call the police. The 19th district is a training district, so there will be more bodies on the street. Please contact him at elias.voulgaris@chicagopolice.org

LSC Coalition

Kate Bullworth, is on the Blaine LSC. The LSC approves the school annual budget, hires a principal, reviews and approves the 2 year work plan. The CPS budget was cut \$160,000,000. A pension holiday has ended. CPS

launched the system of giving a lump sum budget based on student numbers to each school. In this budget crisis Blaine lost \$700,000; Burley \$600,000; Hamilton \$200,000. This means loss of teachers, supplies, textbooks, and technology. Two schools got \$100,000, Hamilton got \$70,000. Parents are subsidizing the shortage. Class sizes are higher. Common Sense Coalition of LSCs is asking the city to send surplus TIF funds to CPS. Pension reform must happen. Visit Commonsense.org for updates.

Artis Senior Living

Katrina McGuire, 3535 N. Ashland (prior Burt Weimann Ford dealership) has been acquired by Artis. She welcomes any input from the community. An upzoning from B2-3 will be requested. Jay Hicks stated that they purchased the property. The property was cleaned today and fence holes have been repaired. Artis is based in McLean, VA, and is a new company. They specialize in memory care assisted living. There's little in the area for those in need of memory care. The rendering that was shown is 5 floors. Residents on Bosworth, behind the property, want to meet with them. The building will have 96 units (basically single rooms) and 22 general assisted units. 2600 sf on the ground floor is planned. They would agree to commercial space usage on the ground floor. Parking would be subgrade and they are open to input for numbers. The city doesn't have specific guidelines for assisted living developments. The city requires 64 parking spaces. It's assisted living, not a nursing home. A request was made for more greenery on Ashland and recesses with benches. A comment that it looks institutional was made. More clarification of the green space in the back was requested. Wandering is common with this disease, so there's a pathway in that green space with a wall. It's 5 stories now, Bosworth has 4 story buildings. Light and air were important to Ald. Tunney. Questions regarding monthly charges and feeding were asked. Residents have all meals in-house, rates are not set yet but will be approximately \$6 – \$7,000 per month. No will be no Medicaid patients. An entrance opening for cars is in the bldg. plans and will be enclosed. It does go through to the alley. Ambulances would need to come and go back onto Ashland. There will be nursing care 24/7. Care givers are licensed by the state, they provide memory care training for all their employees. Development will take maybe 12 – 15 months. Forty spaces must be committed to stores. Restaurants were suggested for commercial space. First floor commercial is preferred by neighbors. Next they will meet with Bosworth folks, and come back to WLVN.

Starbuck's Outdoor Café

Tom Kelley presented their café with having tables on Southport and 6 tables on the parkway side on Roscoe. The only concern is rush hour pedestrian traffic. Alderman Tunney asked for approval tomorrow of the café.

Lakeview Chamber Updates

On 9 -21 & 22 the Taco Fest will take place on Southport, Addison to Newport, and have bands.

New Business Introduction – Bad Wolf Coffee, 3422 North Lincoln

Jonathan Ory, owner. Works with local dairies, and brews organic, domestic coffee. They make their own pastries. Pizza is served on weekends starting at noon. Small group catering with pastries is available. Open 7am – 6pm daily, closed Tuesdays.

Cubs

Will noted that there is a new community representative. There are no planned sporting events for this fall. There will be no skating rink due to construction this winter.

Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)

Paul Sajovic explained that there are no specifics yet. The CTA will have presentations in neighborhoods. Ald. Waguespak is skeptical. The plan will not be abandoned most likely. He suggested that people let the Alderman know their concerns. There's a coalition of businesses that object to it. The concern about traffic is paramount.

Lathrop Homes Update

Paul also gave an update. The major concern of the alderman and neighbors is the high-rise tower on the site. Parking is still an issue. It will take 10 years for this to be developed.

Will announced Paul Sajovic is now a WLNV board member.

Jason gave a park update. An auction is next Friday. The community is more than half way to the goal of funds needed. He asked that we support businesses that are sharing profits with the park. Groundbreaking is still planned for this year.

Affordable Care Act seminar sponsored by Congressman Mike Quigley will be Sept. 12th, at DePaul University Student Center, 2250 N. Sheffield, at 6:30.

Will announced the circus event in Hamlin Park.

Next meeting is November 12th.