

West Lakeview Neighbors – September 16, 2009 Meeting Notes

Agenda:

- Merchant Introductions:
 - Safari Coffee, 3404 N. Southport – Dave McLaughlin
 - Pub Theater, 3220 N. Lincoln – Byron Hatfield
- Lakeview Chamber Update – Heather Way
 - SSA Plans, Shop Lakeview, Holiday Events
- Development:
 - Zoning change request 3500 N. Racine
 - Addison on the Park
- Feedback on Sidewalk Cafes & other neighborhood issues

Merchant Introductions:

Safari Coffee:

Safari Coffee is located at 3404 N. Southport. Dave McLaughlin, who owns the store with his wife, Sharon, told they group they should stop by for roast coffee, smoothies, pastries, lunches (soup, salad, stews), as well as a wide selection of loose leaf teas.

Pub Theater:

Pub Theater recently opened above Fizz at 3220 N. Lincoln. Byron Hatfield and Bridget Thomas represented the theater. Byron told the group the theater will be at the current location for the next 10 months but is looking for a permanent home in the neighborhood. The current main stage production is Bye Bye Liver which has been very well received. Pub Theater is dedicated to being a good neighbor and will currently open an interactive theater experience for children called Scribble.

Scott Tucker:

Scott Tucker who is running for State Representative Fritchey's seat introduced himself and reviewed his election platform and answered questions from the membership

Lakeview Chamber Update – Heather Way

Heather told us about some exciting SSA 27 news including the continuation of the Shop Lakeview program as well as street sweeping and holiday decorations.

In addition, 10 kiosks have been purchased and will be placed through out the area on Lincoln, Southport, and Belmont. The kiosks are wrought iron and will have a map on either side. One side will have a 2-block map including business and bus line locations. The other side will cover a larger area and will include interesting community information. Heather passed out pictures of the kiosks and they are very attractive. The first two kiosks will be placed at the Paulina and Southport CTA Brown Line stations in December. The rest will roll out through February.

The 15th annual Breakfast with Santa will be held on December 5th at St. Luke's. The event includes a pancake breakfast, a balloon man, face painters, gift bags, and a visit from Santa. The event is free.

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Development Updates:

3500 N. Racine:

The property currently has a 6-unit rental unit building with no parking. The request is for a new, 6-unit condo building with one parking spot per unit. There would be four 1,200 s.f. units and two 2,400 s.f. duplex units.

Current zoning: RT-3.5
Requested zoning: RT-4

Current height: 25 feet (current zoning allows 35 feet)
Planned height: 38 feet

The owner is willing to sign a covenant stating that the zoning change would be for his use only and voided if he sells the property.

A vote was held to determine whether the group was in favor of the zoning change. The vote was 22 for and 0 against the change.

Addison on the Park:

The project has gone from 9 stories to 7 stories; however the building height remained the same since the height of the first two floors (commercial space) was increased.

In addition to the commercial space, the project will include rentals and a hotel. Parking will be under the building. A traffic study determined that Clark, Addison, and Sheffield is a failing intersection and adding 500 more people will increase the issue.

Links to the available, updated plans are on the wlvn.org website.

Our group has identified and expressed the following major concerns with the project.

- The project is too dense.
- The buildings are too tall.
- The hotel loading areas are not adequate.
- There will be a negative impact on parking and traffic.

A vote was held to determine support for the redevelopment of that parcel of land (not necessarily the current Addison on the Park plan).

- Members in support of the redevelopment of that site: 22
- Members opposed to the redevelopment of that site: 3

- Entire group in support of the redevelopment of that site: 36
- Entire group opposed to the redevelopment of that site: 4

A second vote was held to determine support for the current plan.

- Members who do **NOT** support the current Addison on the Park development plan as verbally presented: 16
- Members who **DO** support the current Addison on the

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Park development plan as verbally presented: 0

Other Updates:

Hamilton School:

Hamilton School will host Polar Express Family Night on December 3 from 5:30 - 7:30 PM, with food, fun and activities followed by a special free showing of The Polar Express at 5:30 pm.

Lincoln Belmont Library:

Beginning in January 2010, the new library hours will be:

Monday	10 AM – 6 PM
Tuesday	12 PM – 8 PM
Wednesday	10 AM – 6 PM
Thursday	12 PM – 8 PM
Friday	9 AM – 5 PM (Unchanged)
Saturday	9 AM – 5 PM (Unchanged)
Sunday	Closed (Unchanged)

Alderman Tunney:

Alderman Tunney was asked to say a few words to the group.

City Budget:

Alderman Tunney told us that, when the city budget is finalized, there will be a lot of city service cutbacks. The budget is still \$500 million short for 2010. 70% of the city's budget is spent on public safety (police, fire, OEMC). City workers will be required to take at least 20 unpaid furlough days next year and an additional 500 city jobs will probably be cut.

Alderman Tunney also spoke about the use of long term reserves such as the sale of the parking meters and the skyway in terms or borrowing from our children to meet current shortfalls.

Development:

One of the biggest city problems is the lack of new development. There are no large development projects in the pipeline. Current projects were initiated between 2006 and 2008.

Addison on the Park:

There have been modest reductions to the initial planned development (ex. 135 apartments vs. 145 and 400 parking spaces vs. 500). The development has been in the planning stages for 3 years and there will be a vote on it on December 2nd. Alderman Tunney would like input from the community about the size and density of the plan.

Skating Rink:

A temporary skating rink will be erected next to Wrigley Field thanks to the Chicago Park District, the Cubs, and the Blackhawks. Skate rentals will be \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. The rink will be located on the Clark St. side of the park.

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Raffle and Meet and Greet:

The formal meeting was followed by a raffle to raise money for West Lakeview Neighbors and a Holiday Meet and Greet reception.

Raffle:

The raffle was a big success. We raised over \$400 for our group. Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets and thank you to our friends at the following merchants for donating prizes.

Anthony's Italian Ice	3442 N Southport Ave
Beckett's Public House	3210 N. Lincoln Ave
Building Blocks Toy Store	3306 N. Lincoln Ave
Galleria Liqueurs	3409 N Southport Ave
Paulina Market	3501 N Lincoln Ave
The Pub Theater	3220 N. Lincoln Ave
Sam & Willy's	3405 N Paulina St
Safari Coffee	3404 N. Southport Ave.
WineStyles	1433 W. Belmont Ave

Meet and Greet:

First of all, a HUGE thank you for Mystic Celt for hosting the meeting and the reception. In addition to the back room, they provided appetizers, soft drinks, as well as beer and wine. Everyone had a great time thanks to their generosity and the opportunity to mix with neighbors and our local government representatives.

Reminders:

The next WLVN meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 20th. Location and time to be determined.

We will be collecting donations for the Lakeview Pantry at all of our future meetings.

Have a safe and happy holiday season!!!!