



# WEST LAKEVIEW NEIGHBORS

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## West Lakeview Neighbors Meeting Minutes January 13, 2020; 7:00pm; Butcher's Tap; 24 present

Jeff Goad, president, called the meeting to order at 7:05pm

### **44th Ward Update - Alderman Tom Tunney and Chris Jessup**

Alderman Tunney - Is now the Chairman of the Zoning and Planning Committee

Cannabis law is here. There are about 12 distributors in the city. One in the 2800 block of N. Clark, 2 on Southport. Comprehensive land use plan, downtown, south and west. His priority is being an alderman. Aldermanic concerns are taken into account by the Zoning Board.

2020 is a census year, city is concerned about losing population. Important for federal money. Lakeview population is probably about the same as 10 yrs ago. Under our new mayor, increase density around Stations. Southport is important to the residents. Southport density has gone down due to lose of multi-unit bldgs. TODs increase density of buildings. TOD zoning reduces parking requirement, decreases minimum unit size.

Q: Is it possible to take a breather and halt them for a while?

A: Don't think it's realistic. There are 2 locations now in discussion, one at Addison and Southport (5th 3rd Bank). Approved zoning doesn't mean a bldg. will be built. The population may be flat for this neighborhood in the census.

We do not allow permits for residents or guest parking permits in TODs.

The TOD developments may only keep up with the pace of single family developments.

Jeff: Next most important is a robust commercial/restaurant street. We need the businesses to have the customers to stay vibrant. The younger kids don't need cars. We need a diverse group of ages.

Comment: One rule is diminished, the parking is now being done away with.

Tunney: The distance from a transit center has been expanded, from 1,200 to 2,000'.

Q: How do they decide on affordable units?

A: The developers don't have decision

Q: How many pot shops?

A: Very limited to where they can go. The medicinal shops automatically became cannabis if in the correct district. 12 have been approved. There is a restriction on how many can be in any one area.

Q: Will the ability for developers to buy out of the affordable unit requirements be done away with?

Tunney: No

### **Chris Jessup – 47<sup>th</sup> Ward**

We recycled 360 Christmas trees this year. Merlo library is scheduled to be reopened no later than March 17th. Criminal incidents have occurred on CTA stations. Held a meeting with the CTA, committed to

having more patrols at the stations. Canine units are gone because they were contractors. We are trying to get them back. Police number is now 375 officers, down from late summer. We may rally the neighbors to get numbers up. I answer safety issue calls. We are looking for a more humane, responsible company that can fill the canine patrols on CTA property.

Q: Does the alderman agree that dogs are the first answer to solving problems?

A: Don't know his personal idea, but he is in favor of pursuing a new company  
3347 Southport may have been approved.

Comment: Neighbors were never notified of this.

Jeff Goad: Any update will be added to the WLVN website.

Comment: The developers dined at Tunney's restaurant, and are his biggest contributors.

### **Lake View Chamber - Dillon Goodson, Director**

Shop at your local businesses. Jan-March is a slow business time so shop local

Upcoming events: Southport Wine and Chocolate day before Valentines, wines from Craft and Barrel on Belmont with chocolate pairings

Restaurant week - March 20-29.20 restaurants, pre-fix meals

SSA 27 grants for events ideas. Musician, artist, performers. Grants up to \$5,000 per event Ward 42nd Market is one of these events. Applications are due by 2-14

Annual meeting will be open to community, Tickets Athenaeum Theatre, food from local restaurants.

Entertainment from grant program Early March, final date to com.,

Q: any news on streetscape at Lincoln/Belmont/Ashland?

A: It's slated for state funding but has not been approved. Is on the capital bill.

Q: What are big 2020 goals?

A: More presence in the community. Closer relationship between commercial and residents.

As a business organization, advocate for new businesses. Will put out a survey as to what types of businesses the residents would like to see.

### **47th Ward Update – Jeff Goad**

New initiatives: Clean Council tomorrow at Selzer Library. Looking for recycling block captains.

Volunteer presentation- needs 1-29th meeting needs more people to answer phones

CAPS beat 1922, Weds night, at Belmont station.

New developments are in planning, and several other developments at Addison and Ravenswood

Jeff: We need volunteers for board members, P&D, and recipients for grant money. 501(3)c

### **Kim Walz – Candidate for State Representative in the 12<sup>th</sup> District**

Introduced herself and identified her experience and goals. The current Representative, Sara Feigenholtz, will be John Cullerton's replacement as State Senator.

Comment: WLVN now has excellent social media, so kudos

2020 WLVN Community Grant Program

Q&A