



# WEST LAKEVIEW NEIGHBORS

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## West Lakeview Neighbors Meeting Minutes

Monday, Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017; 7:00pm; Butcher's Tap; 20 people present

Michael Sewall, board member, called the meeting to order at 7:05pm

### **44th Ward Alderman - Tom Tunney**

Last week was the Public Safety meeting at the 19th District Police station. More cops will be added in 2018. Activity in process includes new lighting on Belmont, Henderson, Southport. With help of the Cubs and infrastructure money, this yr 5 blocks of new street lighting were installed. Private development - Whole Foods; Memory Care Facility on Ashland will have 140 apts with assisted living; Clark and Addison- 3 major sides at the intersection are under construction. More projects in WLVN will be coming next yr. Building at Southport and Belmont will come down for new development. Slowing housing market for single family houses has occurred. Moving forward on LV High School- new turf field, windows, cafeteria, tuck-pointing. Goal is to make LV the neighborhood choice for high schoolers. There will be open houses. 25 million for restructure of the high school. Things are good in the 44th.

Comment: Thanks for responding to call about rats.

A: We're putting a million dollars into that program. Looking at new methods, like dry ice, will start a pilot. Infrastructure causes upset to rat nests. More calls about dumpsters have been received since we all pay for pick up now.

Q Any info to residents concerning actions that people can take?

A: Feral cats have been brought in on several blocks. Dog owners don't always pick up after their dogs, that's a problem. Over the yrs people have asked about a dog park, but no one wants it near their house. The ward yard at Greenview will be sold and there are several things that could be done on that lot, the city wants \$800,000 for it. One reuse option has been a theatre company in such bldgs. One developer backed out already. The gardening community has increased dramatically. He tells people to come to WLVN for any rezoning. The water main project will be on Melrose and Henderson next yr.

Comment: Thanks for Taco Bell comment, it will be missed.

A: Taco Bell is looking for other locations in the area.

## **New Business Introductions**

Brown Bag Seafood - Sarah Victor, Manager

4 months ago opened at Roscoe and Lincoln. Fresh seafood, counter service, full bar, child friendly, woman run company. 3400 North Lincoln is the second site.

Capital One Cafe- Deidra, Manager

Official grand opening is this Saturday. Multi-faceted community hub, for banking services, banking seminars, meeting rooms. Peet's Coffee bar is in lobby.

Q How big is meeting room?

A: Seats 40 with just chairs. M-F, 7-7, weekends 9-5.

## **Stand Up for Kids – Brian Campbell**

Stand Up for Kids has been in the community since '09 as an outreach program to hungry, homeless youth in Lakeview. In 2012 it opened a center at 3614 N. Ashland. Started GED program. Ideally make homeless adolescents self-supporting. Staff and volunteers help re-establish trust. Homeless outreach.

Q: How does SK work with the Center on Halsted?

A: Don't know. Works some with The Crib, recently partnered with Upswing Counseling.

## **Cubs Update – Heather Way Kitzes, Community Liaison**

Thank you for support from the neighborhood. Construction started immediately, 4th yr now, 2 more yrs before it's done. More details are on WrigleyField.com At [neighbors@cubs.com](mailto:neighbors@cubs.com) you can register for her notices. The hotel will be open for opening day next yr. The McDonald's will be back. New corporate building is now open. The activities in the plaza have been well attended. Skating rink will be back, open until the end of Feb. The Foo Fighters will be here for 2 nights next summer.

The Cubs work with local schools through Cubs Charities. Also Safe at Home security patrol just west of Clark has been supported by the Cubs.

## **Announcements - Michael Sewell**

LV Pantry Holiday Giving Turkey, and a coat drive right now. Information can be found on their website. [lakeviewpantry.org](http://lakeviewpantry.org)

WLVN Grant Program – Organization tries to give back to community. Projects that would give back to the neighborhood can fill out a grant request that can be found on the WLVN website. [wlvn.org](http://wlvn.org)

Street Festival Committee - Format and location. Anyone interested should see or contact Michael.

WLVN Membership Renewal – Membership expires at the end of this year. Can join on website.

Comment: Tom Kelley –

Juniper park is under reconstruction right now.

Next meeting is January 8, 2018.