



WEST LAKEVIEW NEIGHBORS

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West Lakeview Neighbors Meeting Minutes

Nov. 14, 2016; 7:00pm; Butcher's Tap; 15 people present

Jeff Goad, board member, called the meeting to order at 7:15pm

Jeff made a toast to the Cubs.

Capital One Cafe – 3 Capital One reps

Going across the nation, completely new method of banking. Ing has been doing this and we merged with them. This is a place to talk about your finances. 3 goals - enabling people in a digital world, empowering the communities, presenting a community aspect. We want to be a part of the areas the cafes are in, the cafes are a hub of the community. The cafes are open for group meetings and activities. We'll be serving Peet's coffee and pastries from the area, farm to table. We've been working with the Alderman's office. We are restoring the bldg. We have heard comments from the community, like garbage.- we'll seal the dumpsters off. We will have outdoor seating in the summer on Newport and Southport, 24 hr access to ATMs. Removing 2nd floor so there's a mezzanine, trees on Newport. Hrs 8am-8pm, Sun 9am-7pm. Associates are ambassadors, casual atmosphere, employees have zero incentive to sell anything. Will host financial workshops. Big on empowerment of clients. 100 person seating. Handcrafted barista experience, grab and go food, no cooking. The baristas are Peet's employees, not Capital One's. Host some cooking demos. Tables, window bar, community table, information hub, multi-function work space, ATMs with multi-denominations and up to \$10,000 withdrawal with associate assistance, nooks for private conversations with an ambassador. On the 2nd floor it's an open mezzanine, 3 nooks for private meetings.

Q Outside is gray brick?

A: Yes.

Q: Big window in the front is original?

A: No, it's not.

Comment: If the brick and window have completely changed, then the original design of the building is not being followed.

Reply: The outside has changed, but we discussed the bldg with the alderman to blend with the neighborhood.

Comment: (Patricia) Come to WLVN before the sidewalk cafe is discussed and finalized with the alderman.

Katie: We are involved in the communities, the sports teams. We want to know what LV is interested in. Give us ideas and local events. We already deal with the LV Pantry and LV Rotary. For kids, millennials, seniors. Between 9-12 bank ambassadors and 5-9 baristas. We will check up with the neighbors on a regular basis.

Comment: Capital One does have a large presence in Chicago.

WLVN Board nominees for 2017

4-6 positions may be open. If you're interested, email someone on the board. To be able to vote in January your membership must be paid 14 days prior to the meeting.

Comment: SPN has \$10 dues, ours is higher, and is the reason we don't have more young people here at these meetings.

Response (Jeff): Young people spend a lot more at a local bar in 1 evening, don't think the dues are the reason.

P&D Update - Tom Kelley, Chairman

Discussions regarding TODs with SPN are scheduled, will discuss at January's meetings.

Breezeways are a topic that comes up regularly.

Comment: SPN will benefit from our experience in discussions.

Tom: We will compare sidewalk cafe requirements.

Q: What happened to the Arise bldg?

A: It'll start this spring

44th Ward update

No one in attendance.

47th Ward update

No one in attendance.

SSA 27

No one in attendance.

Lakeview Chamber update

No one in attendance.

Cubs Update, Heather Way Kitzes, Community Liaison

Thanks for support, and to government agencies, police, FBI, fire dept. Only a few incidents occurred. Construction is in full swing now. The south wall facade is coming down, bullpens are

moving, digging out a floor below grade. The plaza will be done by opening day. The north sidewalk is closed and the east side of Clark is closed. Sheffield will remain open. Heavy truck activity has begun. At home opening is April 10th. The name of the hotel is Zackery Taylor, who was the architect of Wrigley Field.

Comment: Dump trucks were blocking off the streets, so people were pushing through and around those trucks in very tight space.

neighbors@cubs.com to send any comments to Heather.

Comment: The helicopters started at 5:30 in the morning.

Reply: Heather suggested reaching out to Congressman Quigley with any complaints/comments. The Cubs database for neighborhood notices was scraped this summer and started anew with requirements that all must sign up in person. Cards can be filled out.

Urban Rivers, Zack Diamatto

501c3 org putting gardens in rivers. 100% increase in fish population. 600 foot garden in the river near Goose Island and Whole Foods.

Comment: What about insects?

A: Fish love shade. It brings back birds.

Q: Are you the same as Friends of the River?

A: They have broader issues than us.

Q: What kind of plants?

Q: Some grasses, amaranth, the Botanical Garden created the layout.

Our goal is a mile of gardens. We have the 5 permits. Access points are few.

Comment: Recommend a kayak trip in the river.

Visit urbanrivers.org for info.

Final comment: BARR program. There's a group of residents, that live within an area bordered by Belmont, Ashland, Racine, and Roscoe that are planning on hiring a private security force to patrol their neighborhood. Looking for a 10pm-6am patrol for security. Estimates needing to raise \$120,000 dollars, has pledges of \$90,000. BARRneighbors.com explains the details.

Meeting ended at 8:50pm.

Next meeting is January 9, 2017. Membership must be paid 14 days prior to a meeting in order to vote at that meeting.