

West Lakeview Neighbors Meeting Minutes

March 13, 2012; 7:00pm; Mystic Celt; 26 people present

Will DeMille, President, called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

Congressman Mike Quigley update:

Lives on Eddy in the neighborhood. Has been in Congress for 3 years. Related some of his experiences in Washington, D.C. Bridget, his assistant, was present.

Iran – has been to that part of the world to discuss the concerns of their military, nuclear capabilities. He backed sanctions on the country.

Gas prices – it is a global market. In this country, our production is at an 8 year high, as is Canada's. We use 25% of the world's oil.

Afghanistan - he has visited. Levels of corruption and illiteracy are high there.

We will spend less in the future on the standing military, and more on homeland security. The biggest cost of government corruption is loss of trust. Pension reform bill he cosponsored.

His office is located at 3700 W. Irving Park.

Question: Any room for debt ceiling?

Answer: Both parties haven't fulfilled their promises. Debt, deficit, jobs and economy are the areas that should be addressed.

Question: Is there concern in DC with the deficit here in IL?

Answer: Nobody is getting bailed out anymore. Incentives can be offered. Consolidation of small towns, with separate school districts, fire districts, etc. would save a huge amount of money. Pension reform needs to be addressed, the actuarial requirements need to change.

Question: We pay more here for gas than almost any place in the country. Has this been alleviated?

Answer: Massive spills have occurred in the Keystone pipeline. The pipeline will not decrease the gas cost here in the Midwest. China is using huge quantities of gas. We are moving closer to energy independence than we have in the last 20 years.

He's now a minority whip, and has a new district. He will have O'Hare, Oak Brook, Westchester, part of the lakefront, 100,000 new people, and urged people to get out and vote.

LVCC Updates:

Jennifer Dedes is President of LVCC. The annual meeting is in May.

Cubs Update:

Jennifer Dedes from Cubs. Opening day is April 5th. Thinking of a soccer game July 5th

July 8th will be a movie in the stadium. Couldn't answer questions regarding the McDonald's property. There are really no plans now. A temporary tent has been erected for vendors.

Contributions were made when additional activities were OK'd in the field. Two million dollars was given away last year, \$400-500,000 here in the community. Partner with McCormick Foundation for charitable giving.

Crosby's Kitchen liquor license request:

Doug Dunlay and a partner discussed their plans. Really targeted Southport for this neighborhood. They want to be a good neighbor around all of their restaurants. Passed out menu and commitment to the neighbors. The focus is a restaurant, not bar. Façade will be completely redone. Plan to open in June. Approximately 45 employees.

Will said – WLVN put a policy in place concerning hours of serving liquor hours. Crosby's Kitchen will be the name of the restaurant. The Board approved the liquor license request with standard hours.

A motion was made by Patricia Craig to approve the license for the restaurant and bar contingent on signed letter of commitment, and seconded by Terri Hanley, 13 approved, 0 disapproved.

Rock Around the Block Update:

Stacey Paradise gave the update. Last year we put out a guideline. We require a contribution and a percentage of the income from Star Events. Review expenditures before the event, and then review expenses and income after the event. WLVN doesn't have the resources to back the event. RATB didn't happen last year. The dates are July 14th and 15th or 7th and 8th, Star Events

has agreed to \$5,000 and 20% Belmont to Roscoe on Lincoln, and close off School. A suggestion was made to allow Melrose to go east to get to the parking lot by the library. Whole Foods delivery would be allowed to go south on Marshfield - maybe. Traffic issues must be addressed with the Alderman.

Lakeview Chamber Update:

Heather Way, LVCC Director gave an update.

Child care seminar, April 14th at Sheil Park.

April 17th there will be a broker breakfast, to showcase properties to businesses and developers. One piece of property is at Lincoln, Roscoe, and Paulina.

LVCC purchased the sculpture in front of Sheil Park, and several more.

Starting mid-June, there will be a farmer's market at the Southport station, Thursdays, 4-8pm, June thru Oct.

Branding of Belmont as a theatre district has begun. Arts and Entertainment guide will be published.

CAPS Update:

Terri Hanley reviewed the informational handouts from the February CAPS meeting, announced the merger of the 19th and 23rd districts has been completed, and explained that WLVN is now in 2 beats. The handouts were made available after the meeting.

New Business Introductions:

Doctor Abhi Shinde introduced himself and announced the Lakeview Immediate Care Clinic, at the corner of School and Lincoln, will be opening in April.

