



WEST LAKEVIEW NEIGHBORS

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West Lakeview Neighbors Meeting Minutes

March 13, 2017; 7:00pm; Butcher's Tap; 30 people present

Will DeMille, president, called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Representative Mike Quigley –

He is the only IL member on the Appropriations Committee. 100 million for the CTA will be coming, earmarks may come back. 10% increase in defense spending, 10% off health care, decimates the EPA program, Great Lakes for Fresh Water will be decimated, 97% cut to this program. SEC to avoid the Wall St. catastrophe that occurred. The election process House Select Committee, 9 democrats, investigating Russian attempts to interfere with an American election. He went to the Baltics and Ukraine to understand Russian invasions. How do we pull out of this polarization in this country? Some Republicans can compromise. Democrats are trying to have as many town halls as possible. Take this as an opportunity to get involved.

Q: What influences you?

A: These are the focus groups for me. The Tea party is going to stay where they are. Hopefully, enough moderates do not agree with this bill and will make only some tweaks and fixes to the ACA. The Republicans tried 66 times to repeal the ACA. 24 million people would be knocked off healthcare. In the end they do need us to get something done, they need 218 votes to pass anything.

Q: How can people get involved with other politicians?

A: Still participate. People watch and listen to make decisions. We have a like-minded community here. Elections matter.

Q: What about deportation?

A: Courts are going to be the number one stopping point, like in the first effort. Pressure, pushing back helps even with Republican governors. This is the most unpredictable entity (Trump) ever encountered. This is about us sticking together.

P&D Committee Update - Tom Kelley, Chairman

Since January there are 4 TODs proposed. Lincoln and Cornelia is 18 units, 3334 N. Southport is 9 units, 3333 N. Lincoln, and 3334 Marshfield, 18 units, they were looking for very small units, we pushed back on the tiny apts. 3220 N. Lincoln O.K.'d. Marshfield and Addison is now going to be a Cafe Tola.

Sidewalk cafes will be coming. If you run into any problems contact your Alderman.

Q: Lincoln and Cornelia, what happened after we voted against that?

A: They had agreed to cut back number of units. We wanted the set back in the alley increased. They took out garage doors and we discovered they had changed plans so we had it pulled back, and they reworked the plans to once again comply with our requests.

Q: How many parking spaces?

A: 9

If you're going to live by the el do you need a car?

Lee: There are already bldgs in the neighborhood that have no parking.

Will: A lot of bldgs have been approved, only a couple have been built.

Update from Alderman Tunney's office – Chris Jessup

Juniper Park just north of Addison will be rehabbed. Cubs and neighborhood meeting is this Monday, the 20th. Whole Foods set to open March 22nd, signage on Melrose is being discussed right now. Some complaints about HVAC system have been received. The police dept. has a Community Policing Advisory Council that is taking comments on revamping the CAPS program. The district Steering Committee will host a Meet & Greet for the commander Weds, the 22nd. Since Nov of 2016 the district has increased the number of patrolmen.

The ELV Chamber has taken over SSA 17 and has ordered a private security force on the streets near Sheffield and Belmont. Private security meeting in late April with reps from all the security companies. April 11th, "Keeping it Real" at Sheil Park. New lighting will be installed on Melrose, Henderson, and School.

Will: Meeting on how to strengthen the schools, both Aldermen were there, Lake View and Amundson high schools. Principals gave presentation.

In response to a question of the open park space behind Whole Foods Will stated that it's a public park actually, but St. Luke's is responsible for opening and closing it. It's locked right now until a formal dedication is scheduled.

Q: How is it going to be made available to the public?

A: Unsure.

Chris: The construction of sewer lines outside on Southport. Attachment of lines will be done by the end of April.

Q: When will the Amazon Book store be open?

A: They're not sharing that.

Q: The new traffic light is all messed up, can it be checked?

A: The Lincoln/Belmont/Ashland intersection is still in the works. There are a lot of issues opening up. The traffic patterns need to be analyzed.

Update from Alderman Pawar's office

Representative not present

LV Chamber Update - Lee Crandell, Director

Main topic is the Lowline project. Linear park, under the train tracks, connecting Southport and Paulina/Lincoln. March 28th meeting at the library, at 6:00pm, to see what is suggested and take suggestions from residents. Please RSVP. Community Market will be back at Southport station. Sunday Spot and Lakeview Live will be combined, Weds evenings, weekly, starting in July, 5:30 - 8:30pm. at the corner of Roscoe and Paulina.

Comment: Problem, that corner is also residential and doing that every week will be a problem. Try to have the music without amps and push it further north so that it's further away from residents.

Lee: We'll look into moving it and do some sound checks. We are looking into music to be softer, point taken.

Q: People spaces, these aren't really being used much are they?

A: The SSA manages 2 spots. We're looking at locating them near businesses that would have use for take out seating. This year one will be in front of Loba Coffee shop, and Chicago Pizza, both on Lincoln.

Q: What are the additional parking fees for spaces around Wrigley Field for Cubs games?

A: It would be double.

Ashland is getting more meters.

Cubs Update - Heather Way Kietzes

Sign up for Cubs neighbors email list. There are 2 surveys online. April 10th is the home opener. Plaza will also be open that day. April 29th is the race to Wrigley. A private security force will be out Fri and Sat nights, covering Grace/ Roscoe, Racine, and Wilton/Fremont, present 10pm – 6am, as it gets closer to season it will become 7 days a week. Grant matching for public and private schools. \$475,000 investment in local schools. Concerts start with Tom Petty, June 29th. March 20th family community meeting.