



# WEST LAKEVIEW NEIGHBORS

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**March 9, 2015; 7:00pm; Mystic Celt; 64 people present**

Michael Sewall, board member, called the meeting to order at 7:07pm

### **Cook County Board Commissioner John Fritchey**

Commissioner Fritchey: Cook County Board is very quiet right now; policy items that he is working on currently; bail bond reform to lower cash bond requirement, and increase signature bond; create a zero based budget process; sponsored the bill that is a ban on puppy mills. This law has been challenged in court. He will not vote to raise any taxes. Check his email to sign up for his newsletter. Question about legalizing marijuana was asked - he pushed decriminalizing it. Right now 90% of the cases that are brought in Chicago are dismissed. He recommended putting the National Guard on the streets if police are short.

Krys Shaw from Congressman Quigley's office - Contact her at [Krys.Shaw@mail.house.gov](mailto:Krys.Shaw@mail.house.gov)  
Colleen Smith - is the contact at Ann Williams office, [colleen@repannwilliams.com](mailto:colleen@repannwilliams.com).

### **2015 Taste of Lakeview**

Jodi Linn, WLVN board member, stated the dates are July 11 and 12. Festival footprint has not been finalized. Kids area will be increased this year. Looking for volunteers. A portion of the proceeds will come back to the neighborhood. Volunteers will be needed for 2 -3 hour shifts to work at the WLVN table. A complaint about noise at School and Lincoln was voiced. Stages may be moved.

### **2015 Lakeview Chamber of Commerce Events**

Heather Kitzes, Executive Director, announced that Taco Fest this year is September 19th and 20<sup>th</sup>, on Southport from Roscoe and Addison. Lowline market at the Southport station will be present again this year, and run through mid Oct. Complaint made about an alley being blocked was made. Heather said to call her.

### **Chicago Cubs Update**

No one from the Cubs organization was present.

### **New Business Introduction: The Spanish Square, 1358 W. Belmont**

Manual and Mara, owners, announced their new Spanish market. Products will be imported from Spain. Food, wine, tapas bar, cold premade tapas will be available. Live entertainment will be scheduled. Hope to open in June. Hours may be 10-10:00pm.

### **Updated WLVN Website**

Site has been updated. Michael asked for ideas or suggestions for the site. Attendee mentioned there are no links and it's not found in a Google search. The TOD meeting info will be posted on the site. Comment about no membership page was made, Michael said it is up now. Comment made that membership must be paid 2 weeks prior to a meeting to vote.

### **2015/2016 Focus for Community Support**

Michael announced that the Melrose/Lincoln library received \$1,500 from WLVN for a concert series. Dick Donalek, head librarian, thanked the neighbors for our support.

Michael asked for ideas for contributions from WLVN to the neighborhood.

### **Comments**

Comment made that Monday night is a bad day for meetings.

Michael stated that flyers about the TOD bldg should not be posted on bldgs.

Asked about the power of the P&D committee. Michael explained that the committee reviews development plans first, then they're brought to the membership.