



# WEST LAKEVIEW NEIGHBORS

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## West Lakeview Neighbors Meeting Minutes Monday, May 8, 2017; 7:00pm; Butcher's Tap; 18 people present

Terri Hanley, Board member, called the meeting to order at 7:05pm

### **Cubs update, Heather Way Kitzes, Community Liaison -**

Announced this Sat there would be 2 Craft and Cuisine sessions. Tickets are \$49, but she has some free tickets for neighbors. Email her tomorrow at [neighbors@cubs.com](mailto:neighbors@cubs.com) if interested. Visit the Cubs website for events this summer. The Cubs have hired 10 off duty policemen as additional security before and after games. The "Safe at Home" squad is the security force the Cubs have hired that will be in unmarked cars, Thurs, Fri, and Sat from 10:00pm to 6:00am, within the area of Roscoe, Racine, Wilton and Irving Park.

### **44th Ward update, Chris Jessup**

There were reports that shots were fired this morning, at 1:11am, in the alley of the 1500 block of Melrose. One neighbor had a video that he turned over to police.

Bridget Gross, who lives on that 1500 block of Melrose explained how she started a block group by going door-to-door and talking to people. Early this morning she notified everyone and updated them with correct information about what happened.

In Nov, 2015 there were 333 officers in the 19th, now there are 384. 1,000 Liquors store owners met with the city, the Alderman's office, and police to review problems. They will see a 7 day closure. In future, they will close earlier, stop selling fifths, and have more security a block in every direction from the Belmont/Sheffield corner. The Alderman's office did a late night walk, and now have regular meetings with the late night businesses. Most of us now probably live in private security areas. This coming Sat, at 1:30pm, there will be a self defense class held at 1,000 Waves on Belmont. The construction on Southport at Roscoe, Henderson and School will be completed by 5-12. Melrose will be completed by 5-26. Southport resurfacing and crosswalks will be done by the end of June.

**47th Ward update**

Representative not present

**Lakeview Chamber of Commerce**

Representative not present

**SSA 47**

Representative not present

Terri: Sidewalk cafes and beer gardens are now open. Don't wait until Oct to make a complaint, call the alderman's office, come to a WLVN meeting and tell us. Discussed the "Keepin' It Real" presentation by the CPD, held at Sheil Park. Relayed some comments made by the 4 burglary convicts and their answers to questions. The biggest deterrent is a nosey neighbor.

Block clubs are something that everyone should consider organizing. Rather than "block captain", that seems to imply there's a lot to oversee - "block coordinator", or "block contact" seems more accurate. It doesn't entail a great deal of time, the main advantage is having an identified contact for a block when such things happen like the shooting incident this morning.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30.

Next meeting is July 10<sup>th</sup>.