



# WEST LAKEVIEW NEIGHBORS

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## West Lakeview Neighbors Meeting Minutes

**Monday, July 10, 2017; 7:00pm; Butcher's Tap; 21 people present**

Will DeMille, president, called the meeting to order at 7:05

### **Ward 47 Market Introduction, Lauren White, Patrick O'Hern**

Idea was started last year and got the permit on Marshfield at School/Lincoln through the 14<sup>th</sup> of Oct. The market has been going well.

Q: How many vendors?

A: 7 -10 right now, a few more have shown interest.

Q: What feedback have you received from the vendors?

A: Very positive, lots of walkers and children, very positive.

We'd like to get some prepared food vendors in future. We're working with food banks and the YMCA.

Q: What are the hours?

A: 8:00am - 12:30pm

### **Live on Lincoln Festival feedback**

We want feedback. Will explained background of festival. It's been several different names and took the year off last summer. This year was scaled back, no kids space, better bands (no cover bands). We want to get more local vendors involved. We got positive feedback from Star Events, the new format worked.

Yael from the Weibolt's condo bldg. stated that she has 140+ signatures to ask to get it moved away from that block. She commented that it's not enjoyable, it's loud. It's the loud music and the people who leave drunk. There are blocks of Lincoln that are much more commercial than ours. How many people are being affected should be considered.

Will - We need to find a way to get feedback in real time.

Yael - Our building will be sending a letter to the alderman's office. I didn't know this was happening.

Will - The location has been discussed in past. Almost every block would have the same problem. We hear you and will reach out to you.

Lee - We've only heard from 1 business that liked it, a few didn't. We would work with WLVN for a good fest and in a location that's going to work for most.

Will - the date is an issue. We've tried to get it moved, is there a better location? When Tom and he walked around there were businesses that were very much in support of it. We're trying to get neighbors and local businesses to come out.

Yael - We should do a survey to find out what the residents would like to see, what type of events.

Comment: It didn't seem as family friendly as in the past.

Will - It was kept slim this year because of the reformat. There was no children's area.

Comment - It is a really tiny festival compared to some. Having it just on 1 block makes it small.

Will - We'll keep talking about it and discuss ways to make it better.

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

On the all-star break now, back the 21st. Wiggle Worms return tomorrow

Green city market on Thursday. July 19th is Ferris Bueller.

Parkatwrigley.com has the complete schedule. This Sat is the Jimmy Buffet concert, Monday the James Taylor concert.

Brick House Tavern is open in the Cubs bldg. There is a raffle in process for a ring, tickets are \$10.

The hotel will open by opening day in 2018.

Q: Do the Cubs give discount tickets for the concerts?

A: Still do a presale for the concerts. It goes to only the neighbors on the database..

### **44th Ward update, Alderman Tom Tunney**

Asked for questions. Southport will be done in 7-10 days. It's been quiet. Assisted care facility on Ashland will begin shortly.

Q: Do we still call your office when drains clog up?

A: Call his office or 311. Some of the newer drains are smaller so neighbors need to help clear them too. The bike lane on School is in process, won't be done until next year.

Q: Has tree trimming started again?

A: The Forestry Dept is now dealing with trees infested with the ash borer.

New street lights are being installed on School, Henderson, Melrose and Wilton

### **47th Ward update**

No representative present

### **Lakeview Chamber of Commerce/SSA 27**

People spots and sidewalk seating are now installed, 2 are in parking lanes. One is north of Roscoe in front of Loba, one is south of Belmont, north of Barry. People Spots are here on Southport and at the CTA station. SSA streetscape wants to put seating in front of Sheil Park and Blayne school. Maybe textured art on the sidewalk. Trees- planted about 60 trees last year. Working with Friends of Lakeview to get more trees planted, even on residential streets if people pitch in.

Will - what about business streets?

Lakeview Live - every Weds, 5:30 - 8:30 on Paulina at Roscoe. Market at Southport CTA station every Thurs. Lowline Park is in planning.

Q: Do you prune these trees?

A: Best to call 311 if any need pruning and then us. We could use volunteers to help with pruning.

### **P&D update**

Things have been quiet. The 44th Ward has asked to meet regarding the building on Belmont that is taller than any other bldgs. on that block

Ravenswood is being down-zoned.

Q: Can we get a dog park in the neighborhood?

Comments:

The developer doing the building just north of the Paulina station has been a problem with trash, noise, and starting too early. The destruction at Cornelia and Lincoln has already been a problem. The fence has not stayed up, children were playing in the site.

The car wash on Southport causes an entire lane to be blocked with waiting cars, and block the sidewalk. The alley behind it is also messy.

### **Neighbor Feedback Discussion**

Any comments on sidewalk cafes.

Comments:

Bare Burger on Roscoe isn't 6' away from city sign pole and tree. The west end isn't even 3' from a sign pole.

In front of Waterhouse bar there is a bike rack there and maybe 2' to get by.

Scooter's has a lot of seating on the sidewalk, it's hard to walk through the crowd sometimes. The built up parkway is a problem because people sit on it, too.

**Library – Dick Dohnalek, Branch Manager**

We had 60 - 75 children at the concerts this summer that WLVN sponsored. There are free programs, free books, free log books. With 500 minutes of reading you get a free totebag.

Every day there's someone there to listen to the kids read. Community Day is July 17th. Everyone who signs up for the Summer Learning Challenge will get to pick 12 free books to take home and keep. The library now has a self-checkout line. Let Dick know if you have any ideas for adult programs.