



# WEST LAKEVIEW NEIGHBORS

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## West Lakeview Neighbors Meeting Minutes

**July 9, 2013; 7:00pm; Mystic Celt; 28 people present**

John Lyons, board member, called the meeting to order at 7:04

### **Taste of Lakeview Debrief**

John Barry of Star Events, stated that there were some local vendors, like The Pony, in the festival. The name changed this year. Lincoln and Melrose, a side street, were closed. The event raised a decent amount of money for WLVN. A good crowd of people were there both days. The donation to WLVN will possibly be the same amount of money as last year.

Question: Where does the money go? He said WLVN. Ann said not all of it. John said Star Events takes on the responsibility and liability, so he covers all expenses, then makes a profit if the festival is successful. WLVN may get around \$10,000, last year we got \$5,000. Live Wire, a children's band, was complimented. Jason mentioned that we reached out to businesses on Lincoln, so that they knew what was going on. John Lyons said this is the largest source of revenue for us. There were no complaints that he knew of, and that the Aldermen, and police commander stated that there were no complaints.

### **Library Update**

John stated that the library is having a number of children's events throughout the summer.

### **Energy Impact Illinois**

The company's rep asked if we all heard the president's speech, and caught the mention of an energy rebate. The rebate in his program goes away Aug 26<sup>th</sup>. It's an alliance with the Chicago Metro Agency program for planning. Funding is federal. NFP is Center for Neighborhood Technology. An advocate for homeowners. Can offer safety of your home, increase energy efficiency by 15 – 30 %. An instant rebate with owner on premises of up to \$1,750 is available. Loans are available if your share is more than \$1,000. Contractors are watched carefully. Web site has online calculator. Single family, 2 or 3 units with owner on premises qualify. Projects generally save 15% or more in energy. Insulation and air sealing are a major portion of projects. If you qualify you get a certification for your house once the work is done with expected energy savings. The value of your

house improves. It starts with a home energy assessment that costs \$99, but if you host a house party for 5-7 people, it's free for you. After the rebate term ends the program will continue. Forms are available tonight to sign up. Ann mentioned that even newer homes can benefit from this work. To insulate an attic would be about \$2,500. The work has to be completed by Aug 26<sup>th</sup>.

### **1230 W. School St. Park**

Jason Mundy presented the latest designs. The plan will replicate some of the most recognizable Chicago features, such as the Hancock bldg., and the Cubs logo. Final bids are in process. \$200,000 is the goal for the community's share. The next fund-raising event is May 5th, at Wrigley Field. A rooftop party on 2 of the bldgs. will be another fundraiser. The soil study has been done on the existing park, and has been found clean of any toxins. The next steps are surveying, then the bibut not the parking lot that is the old railroad right of way. 9-20 is a fundraiser at a neighbor's home, info will be on the web site. An auction event is in planning, and City Mini-golf was out there as a fund raiser. People are buying bricks and t-shirts which has raised about \$1,000. Oberwiess store coupons, good on July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 3 – 11pm, will donate 30% of every sell to the park.

### **Ald Tunney's office**

Erin announced a shredding date.

### **Open Forum**

John opened the meeting up to comments.

Ann McCabe mentioned the Target development. There is nothing on the P&D committee schedule. Tom Kelley stated the development going on the Bert Wiemann site will be a senior facility. They are in discussions with Ald. Tunney. No updates on the Cubs. Erin stated that Target has not presented any new plans since the last meeting. They were going to be at this meeting but they didn't have anything to present. The current P&D plan has a sunset in Nov. but they can get an extension. Paul Sajovic stated that the current one would need to be revised and resubmitted anyway. Current zoning is a planned development. John said they have to get it all approved again. Erin stated that they do want to get comments from the neighbors and will work with the alderman. CDOT oversees the traffic study. Paul said that a traffic study is required. A complaint was made about trash and a person living behind the bldg. On Melrose the curb has been painted yellow in front of the assisted living bldg, from the Greenview corner to just before the driveway, is that legal? Erin will look into it. Paul said the city no longer paints curbs yellow. The city puts up signs.