



WEST LAKEVIEW NEIGHBORS

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WLVN Meeting Minutes

Monday, July 9, 2018; 7:00pm; Butcher's Tap; 26 present

Michael Sewall called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

47th Ward Update- Brad Gregorka, Chief-of-Staff

The reconfiguration and construction at the Paulina/Lincoln/Roscoe intersection will be done end of July, beginning of Aug.

Q: Why are these lanes gone?

A: Pedestrian safety.

Comment: The lanes were put in 10-12 yrs ago to assist traffic. The cars are still turning right.

Comment: We've been living right there for 40 yrs and have never heard of any one getting hit at that intersection.

Brad: Trucks will be restricted, signs prohibiting right turns will be posted.

Terri: But cars will still turn there, I live nearby and see cars turning from Paulina onto Lincoln.

Comment: Why does CDOT make traffic so bad that people get slowed down driving?

Q: What would you recommend residents do to make comments on projects in the area?

Brad: Be active, learn what's going on in the neighborhood. The Lincoln/Belmont project was started before this Ald. came in. Call, email the Ald's office, get on the website.

Comment: People want to be informed before something is done.

Brad: Sometimes we have meetings with neighborhoods. We try to get the word out as best we can.

Jeff: The further upstream you can reach out to residents, the better the response will be. There is a trend now to capture more road for pedestrian safety.

Ald. Tunney: They're doing it in a number of areas in the city. I don't think CDOT does a good job of getting info out.

Comment: I've lived here a long time and walk a lot, but I don't see how some of these things are beneficial, as I see these lanes narrow and disappear. So what is the aim of the city? People get angry, bike riders get angry. That corner is tricky anyway.

Comment: Just because CDOT does it, doesn't mean it's a good idea. The change at Southport and Lincoln was undone.

Michael Sewall: I'm in favor of this as a pedestrian and a bike rider.

Comment: The left turn arrow at Lincoln/Belmont has helped because it's at the end of the light and it clears the intersection.

Ald. Tunney: Pedestrians, bikers, then cars is the order of concern on the streets of the city.

Chris Jessup - Alderman Tunney's staff

Bike safety programs can get out to areas that have problems with bikers.

We've been tracking the staffing levels at the 19th police precinct. We lost more police since the last count last month. We expected at least a dozen more police by this time of year. If you live east of Southport the CAPS meetings will be Thurs, the next one will be at 7:00pm, July 12th.

CDOT is exploring improvement of LSD. There will a meeting tomorrow at Truman College, 9-12:00. To see what's being planned for this neighborhood. It's a chance for people to provide feedback. Redefine the Drive does have a website.

Comment: Still think there should be a safety island at Addison and the train.

Alderman Tunney: Addison is narrow, and 2 lanes of traffic are required. There is a street light 70' away.

Q: Any fairs coming up in the neighborhood?

Senior picnic next Tues. at St Joseph, and next Sat a health fair.

WLVN Bylaws Amendments- Michael Sewall

The next issue on the agenda is changes to the WLVN Bylaws. According to the existing laws $\frac{2}{3}$'s vote is required and we have that tonight.

What is the purpose of WLVN, and change non-discrimination clause

Being eligible to vote after joining WLVN after 14 days will be extended to 28 days.

Art 4, Sect 1- Update annual dues to simply being up to the board in future. We can explore fees at separate tiers. Business rates.

Board member terms should be for 2 yr.

Changing the date of meetings, will be set by the board.

Make sure it's all grammatically correct.

Non-discrimination clause would be revised

Any questions?

In the last change will it still say she or him?

A: They or them can be done.

Q: Can business owners vote?

A: No.

Q: Why make it harder to be able to vote?

A: Sometimes the membership is suddenly increased for an unfair vote on one issue.

For larger issues the discussion doesn't usually end with just 1 meeting.

Comment: We just moved before the TOD was built so how you get information out to the neighborhood is very important.

Tom: We usually take several votes, members only and then all present.

Comment: We didn't know until it was done, how do we get more people to participate?

Tom: The TODs will keep this neighborhood viable.

Q: When did the agenda for these bylaws changes go out? Will we get more than 28 days to know what's on the agenda?

Comment: That's the point of meeting schedules, you come regularly so that you know what's happening. I come to these meetings.

Jeff: We get about a week before the meetings take place. The larger issues take months and require several meetings.

Comment: Maybe you need to give the neighbors more time to learn about items on agendas.

Michael & Jeff: We can separate this one item Art 3 Sect 1, to change it to 28 days.

Vote passes 14 to 3.

All other changes are approved by majority vote.

Michael: New business intro

Art, the owner of ArtScapes, 1442 W. Belmont is having an Open House, at 1442 W. Belmont, 12-5:00 this Sat. Roof top deck or small space gardening, plan, procure plants.

Ciders and Sliders Festival Update – Irene Softil

We are working with a new events company, Special Events Management. Festival will be north of Paulina on Lincoln, up to Addison.

Sarah and Hank from Chicago Special Events Management stated that it will be Sept 1st and 2nd, Labor Day weekend. Cider tastings of 30 different ciders. They also do Burger Fest. Goal is to raise money for WLVN, there will be a children's area.

Comment: Clean up is important.

Q: Will you have any veggie options?

A: We've asked Chicago Diner to participate.

Comment: Glad to see it's not going to be so loud.

Hank: People come for the music.

Comment: Is it possible to have 1 stage, not 2?

Hank: We alternate music on the 2 stages.

Jeff: We think this will be successful for the neighborhood. Come out and volunteer.

Hank: We do a lot of festivals for non-profit orgs. We do Taco Fest, and the Gay Pride Parade. I'm here in the neighborhood.

Q: What kind of marketing?

A: Social marketing, i.e. radio. We have a 160,000 opt-in database. Don't do any print. For tastings people can get pre-sale tickets.

Updates on neighborhood events - Michael

Lakeview Live is Weds this summer thru Sept 5, 5:30 -- 8:30pm

Wrigley concerts - Friday and Saturday

Southport Neighbors, north of Addison, has an Art Show coming

Beat 1934 will meet Thurs, 19th Police, west of Southport is beat 1922

Lowline Market is still happening at the Southport station every Thurs.
Ward 47 Market, on Marshfield, will continue every Sat. until Oct13th

Meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting September 17th