



WEST LAKEVIEW NEIGHBORS

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West Lakeview Neighbors Meeting Minutes

Monday, Sept. 11, 2017; 7:00pm; Butcher's Tap; 20 people present

Michael Sewall, Board member, called the meeting to order at 7:00

Congressman Mike Quigley –

Shares an office with Ald. Tunney in the 3200 block of N. Sheffield. Reviewed problems that he can solve for us. He'd like to focus on the Appropriations Committee projects. If Dems were the majority he would be the chair of this committee. Things urgent: North Korea; Iran/Iraq; Russia's interference in the election. Since January his committee has been investigating the Russian involvement in the election. This investigation is fair and will take time and be done right. The subpoenas must mean something. He is one of 9 Dems doing the investigation in the House. The real cost of corruption in IL is the lose of confidence. He sponsored a bill that the President can't delete his tweets. Mar-a-Lago bill is that any visitor to any of Trump's golf resorts be recorded.

Q: What is the investigation going to do?

A: What did the Russians do? How do we stop it? How do we go forward? Run the investigation. Mueller, House and Senate investigations are separate. 9,000 entities are part of elections. Trump said the election was rigged. Why the hacking worked. We are so willing to believe the worst of each other. We need to get back together and move forward.

Mueller and some Representatives on the committee seem to be following through. Several are White House supporters, but the rest are doing it. Nightmare is Sessions being appointed to the Supreme Court. This is the most serious internal thing that can happen to this country. When we come out of this we need to be a lot more focused.

Heather Way Kitckes - Cubs Community Liaison

Cubs will be releasing 2018 schedule soon. Play-offs will be decided in a few weeks. Sign up for Wrigley Field events. Hotel will be open for next year's season. Will be hosting an ice rink. Christkindlmarket will be back. Fitness classes have been extended for a few weeks. Farmers market is still happening.

Cubs want more night games.

Elevate Energy – Foluke Akanni

The organization came out of a non-profit. Wants to cut cost, protect the environment, access to all. The new electric smart grid power outages can be fixed faster. Demand is higher. Need a new grid system. A smart grid system will reduce energy waste, and make communication more reliable, Benefits of smart meter - more info about your energy use, better service, helps to eliminate estimated bills. ComEd has a Landlord Account, sign up on line. A tenant's electric switches over to landlord until a new tenant puts it in their name. That way the electric stays on. ComEd Peaktime Savings Program is no risk; no penalty; receive notification by text, email or phone. Info on website. ComEd hourly pricing - fixed rate (cost is same no matter the time of day. Hourly Pricing - based on real time market prices, varies hour to hour, day to day; heavier electricity to lower priced averages.

Where do we lose energy? 68% attic, 22% from walls, 10% windows. Because heat rises. Energy Impact helps homeowners who want to lower energy. Contractor will do an assessment (\$99 or free), provide project oversight and rebates up to \$700. Benefits - energy cost improve home comfort, boost home value. Light bulbs - Incandescent \$328, CFL \$76.65, LED \$32.85 annual cost.

Mutt Strut, Candace D'Agnolo

Owner of Dog-o-holics, sponsors Mutt Strut on Southport, Oct 7, 11am - 3pm, walk at 1:00pm. About 500 people attend. Raises money for Chicago Canine Rescue homeless pups. There will be 10-20 dogs up for adoption at the event. This year's theme is supermutts/superheroes, so dress up your dog and yourself. For people on Newport, they're flyer'd, cars will be flyer'd to clear the street. Cars will only be moved, not towed away. Raises \$40,000 to \$70,000 every year for CCR.

Lake View Chamber and SSA27 - Dillon Goodson

Survey is being done currently, info is in the handout. Complete a survey at www.LakeviewChamber.com/Survey and help determine which programs and services the SSA offers in the coming years.

Comment: Snow removal was mentioned as a positive.

Q: What is the SSA budget?

A: Go to the Chambers site, LakeviewChamber.com for specifics, but it's approx. \$800,000. The program is now funding security rebates for businesses and residential properties. Get an application on their site.

Flyer for Taco Fest was passed out, biggest fund raiser for the Chamber, Sept. 16-17, 11:00am to 10:00pm, 15 vendors. Addison to Henderson on Southport. Info is at LakeviewTacoFest.com.

The Blueline Market, 20 vendors, entertainment, thru end of Oct, Thurs, 3 - 7:30pm.

Trick or Treat on Southport will be on Monday, the 30th, this year.

Lowline Art is up in the neighborhood, this is the Year of Public Art. The site is the wall at Lincoln/Ashland/Belmont. Local artists are being looked at. The Lowline Parkway plan has been around for 6 years and is now moving forward. Little plaza-like spaces under the el tracks at Ashland, Southport and Paulina will be installed first to make them usable public spaces.

Q: Will it be well lit?

A: Come to the meeting and see. The spaces look inviting. Will be safer. Sept 19th, 6-8:00pm at St. Luke's at 1500 W. Belmont. There will be 4 x8' art panels at the Southport station.

Q: How do you protect that space from sparks? And the noise?

A: Come to the meeting, we have thought of these items. Sound resistance is one thing being looked at.

Michael announced that there is no P&D report tonight. If anyone would like to be on committee, contact a board member. Introduced Irene as a new board member, and asked her to introduce herself. Irene said they live on Newport, and she is passionate about the P&D Committee.

Michael - WLVN got a lot of feedback on this year's festival on Lincoln. Anyone interested in being on the committee for next year's festival see him after the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45

Next meeting is November 13th.