



WEST LAKEVIEW NEIGHBORS

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West Lakeview Neighbors Meeting

September 14, 2015; 7:00pm; Mystic Celt; 48 people present

Congressman Quigley –

now 7 yrs in office. Reviewed prior travels and introduced his staff member, Krys Shaw. Talk to his office before a visit to DC so they can get you into the White House, floor of Senate.

Appropriations Committee member. Get money for the CTA, water reclamation. Sub-committee 2nd ranking member for transportation, housing. We need high-speed rail service across the nation. Rail signalization needs to be replaced around Chicago. Help pedestrians and bikers stay safe. Also a member of the House Select Committee on Intelligence. There are 19 agencies that deal with intelligence. The committee deals with national and international security. Going dark, we don't know what the bad guys are doing. This war isn't going to end, the threats are very real. The issues we're not working on are the big issues.

Question - what are chances of shutting down?

Answer - favors rationality to win out. Speaker Baynor may have his gavel taken away from him. The far right is very different now, they won't compromise. They're a minority.

Question - what day will the shutdown take place?

Answer - it's fluid

Question - who do you support in the primary?

Answer - Hillary Clinton

China, Korea and the US - As bad as government can get its still very important.

Three Sisters Restaurant, 1363 W. Cornelia

Derek Ridle, Four Star Restaurant Group

New restaurant and wine bar adjacent to Crosby's Kitchen (same owners). Dinner only, brunch on Saturday and Sunday. 75 seats. Hoping to open Aug 1st of next year, geared toward an "adult evening out"; wood fired oven; Italian Spanish, French influences

Question - Will there be an outdoor café?

Answer - yes, will not connect with Crosby's kitchen cafe, 30 seats, up to alley

Suggestion - if you have a sidewalk cafe, try to control the garbage smell, try to hose it down.
Response - pick-ups now are 6 days a week. Will replace the dumpsters to reduce smell

Information Sharing, Will DeMille -

TODs- Lincoln / Paulina and Southport / Roscoe

Revisions in the ordinance are in process. Paul Sajovic gave an update: After the city council reviewed the revised TOD ordinance, it was supposed to be voted on, but the vote was postponed. The current restrictions of 600 feet from a station and 1,200 feet on designated pedestrian streets, will increase to 1,300 and 2,600 feet. The bonus is no rezoning, just administrative adjustment (for setback reductions). There would be no parking spaces requirement. New administrative adjustment is now notification to neighbors in 100 feet of the property, not just next door neighbors. This revised ordinance has created a lot of discussion. There are still concerns and ramifications. Organizations like this one would not review them.

Question – who makes the administrative adjustment?

Answer - The zoning administrator. She would talk to the alderman, but she could override it.

Question - where is the zoning board of appeals in this?

Answer - the zoning board could deny a request so an appeal could be made to the Zoning Board of Appeals. They work more independently of aldermen.

Question - can the neighbors appeal if the project has been approved?

Answer - anyone can sue

Question - Who's pushing for these revisions?

Answer – this comes from the mayor's office

new residences will bring in money, but the city doesn't have the money to provide more city services for all these new people. Metropolitan Planning Council has put out a report

Question - is there any way to monitor the cars registered to these renters?

Answer – there is no way to monitor it

Question - How do we know these buildings will be marketed as public transit places

Answer - there is no way to monitor it

You can remove the address from the city clerk's system for parking permits. The alderman can override that.

Question - Why can't that be put into that ordinance, the address won't be able to get permits?

Answer – They're more focused on height and density, not so much whether there are parking spaces.

Rosecrance:

Rosecrance update by Will DeMille - The adult drug and rehabilitation proposed at 3753 N. Ashland is within Southport Neighbors borders. Asking for a special use, for up to 30 people for up to 120 days. Could be up to 5 people in each of the 6 units. There are 3 links, the alderman's site, Rosecrance Lakeview, Lakeview Action Committee has been created to oppose this, and Southport Neighbors website. Oct 12th is their next meeting. Go to the meeting, reach out to Alderman Tunney, email Joe Peters at Southportneighbors.org

Question - Where is the meeting?

Answer - Mercury Theater or Music Box on Lincoln. WLVN will send out an email with the information

Alderman Tunney has not weighted in on it yet.

Announcements:

Will announced that there is an open board vacancy. Anyone interested should email or talk to a board member.

November 9th is the next meeting.