



WEST LAKEVIEW NEIGHBORS

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WLVN Meeting Minutes

Monday, Sept 17, 2018; 7:00pm; Butcher's Tap; 25 present

Jeff Goad called the meeting to order at 7:10pm

Lake View Chamber/SSA 27 Update – Dillon Goodson

Taco Fest was last weekend - thrilled with how it went. More table seating was suggested.

Lakeview Live - Weds every week, moved to Marshfield and was very well received

Lowline Market - every Thurs, is still happening, 15-20 vendors every week

Comment: Can't talk under the station, too loud, move to another location

Lincoln Ave Beer Stroll - \$35 tickets in advance: Sunday, 10-21-18, 3-6:00pm Halloween costume contest optional.

Trick or Treat on Southport - Oct 29th, 4-8:00pm. Thousands of people participate. Whole Foods Pumpkin Patch is back this year.

Southport Holiday Stroll – Friday, Dec 7th. Cocktail crawl has been added, will require tickets.

Santa will be there and free hot chocolate

Low Line - Developing land under the tracks and installing art from 30 local artists. Phase 1 construction is complete

At Paulina - 5 bright seating elements, vendor kiosk for pop-ups, 2 large murals, improved lighting
Funded by SSA 27

Phase 2 will connect Paulina and Ashland, 1/3 of that path will be included.

Jeff - Are there going to be catch nets to protect people from things falling from the trains and tracks?
What kind of lighting?

Dillon- A lot of lights were added, light boxes will glow a bright light, they can be programmed
As for debris - In plaza spaces the seating elements have covers.

Comment: Maybe the CTA would put up canopies.

Dillon: Adding wood and canopies will probably not happen.

The mural that was painted over by the city at Paulina, because they thought it was graffiti art, will be replaced

Q: What about ongoing maintenance?

A: We have a crew that routinely checks the space. Will treat the wood if it grays out. Will stay on top of it.

Q: Does the SSA take care of trees on Southport?

A: Yes, we do.

Q: Does the SSA also take care of the trees on Lincoln?

A: Yes, we do.

Comment: Some of the new trees you planted have been damaged.

Dillon: We are scheduled to have trees pruned, should be next year.

Q: Are there any plans to repair or replace the tree grates?

A: We are looking at that, and will plant trees where space is available

There aren't many places to plant new trees, we are now replacing trees that have died.

A security program for residents, sponsored by the Chamber, offers a \$500 rebate or half the expense. At least one camera must be facing outside. Funds are limited so apply on line.

Chicago Cubs Update - Heather Way Kitzes

Two concerts went past the curfew this year. In year 5 of construction, 80% completion. Limited impact next year, limited street closures. Will not be a Chris Kindle Mart this year. The skating rink will be there just a little smaller

Will do a Halloween event at Gallager's. The playoffs will be Fri Sat and Sun

A colleague of Heather's, Julie Govedarica, will be helping out with community outreach.

Ciders and Sliders Festival Recap – Irene Sofil

Hank, Sarah and Veronica with SEM.

Sarah - great showing for the Ciders and Sliders event. Attendance was just over 4,000.

Irene: Just wanted to thank the volunteers. First day didn't have much of a kid's site, but Sun. improved.

What would we like to see next year?

Comment: Don't do it on a holiday, or Father's Day.

Irene: At least there was not much in competition over that weekend.

Q: How many cider vendors?

A: 3

Q: Was that enough? Maybe expand.

A: We would like to add more next year.

Irene: The streets were super clean on Monday.

WLVN Board Membership

Jeff announced that anyone interested in being a board member should talk to him after the meeting, contact any board member, or email info@wlvn.org. The slate will be presented at the Nov. meeting and be voted on at that time.

Meeting adjourned 7:55pm

An announcement that Michael Sewall will be leaving WLVN because he is moving was made, and a card was given to him with a round of applause.

Next meeting, November 12th

To be a voting member a person must join 28 days in advance of a meeting.