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, ⅓ 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 Gallagher’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.