



WEST LAKEVIEW NEIGHBORS

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West Lakeview Neighbors Meeting

Monday, January 14, 2019; 7:00pm; Butcher's Tap; 24 present

Jeff Goad called the meeting to order at approximately 7:20pm

Board Updates

Jeff Goad introduced the new board members, and made an announcement that we are in need of 2 more! Get involved in our community.

Tom Kelley acknowledged the passing of Patricia Craig. We're looking to come up with a gift to commemorate her spirit, energy and gifts of time to the community.

Tom Tunney, 44th Ward Alderman

Reaffirmed his and Heather Way Kitzes' commitment to Lakeview.

Chris Jessup, Director of Public Safety and Dan Manoli, Director of Infrastructure gave an update about the new nerve center in the 19th police district, which should be operational at the end of January/start of February. New technology, including a license plate reader that can read 1000 plates/per minute, and tell if a car was stolen or if a driver is wanted. This gives the police evidence to stop cars in the neighborhood. Improvements to manpower and technology. Lakeview is a safe neighborhood, but it can always be safer. Tunney- we're here to make sure your neighborhood is represented in city council.

Chris and Dan also gave Tom a shout out for the work he has done collecting Christmas trees. 777 trees were recycled in the 44th ward. City will recycle trees until Jan. 19.

Vote by mail will begin in February, and Thursday, Feb. 21 is the deadline to register to vote in the city election.

Craftsman Plating Factory is Zoned M for Manufacturing, they need a zoning change.

Department of Water Management is installing new pipe on From Southport-Ashland on Melrose. May affect entry to Whole Foods.

Paper Shredding dates are March 30 9am-12pm in Ward office.

Questions

Q: Watermain- both Melrose and Henderson between Cornelia, Southport, Ashland and Belmont are to get updated. Once they finish Melrose, they're going to Henderson.

Q: About the nerve center- is it focused only on our neighborhood?

A: The nerve center will serve the 19th district only. This technology previously only was used in the 9th and 11th districts, and now is expanding.

Lakeview Chamber of Commerce

No updates

New Lakeview Merchant- Warby Parker

New to the area, and it's been cool so far!

The founder of Warby Parker lost his glasses and phone on a trip, and it was more expensive to replace the glasses than the smartphone. He decided he wanted to change this, and cut out the middleman costs, and offer the savings to customers. In the shop right now, they have art from Nate Otto.

Warby Parker glasses are affordable, with a social mission. For each pair purchased, the company gives one away. Right now they're giving away glasses to elementary school children in New York City.

Shopping experience is personalized and fun.

Jessica from Mike Quigley's office

No update

Mary Markarian (board member), City election update

The election is on Tuesday, February 26. Runoff election is Tuesday, April 22.

Forums:

- Jan. 15 at Lakeview High School for 47th ward alderman.
- Jan. 17 at 7pm at Center on Halsted for 44th ward alderman
- Mayoral Forum on Feb. 7, 8am-10am at Davis Theatre

Voting Supersites open as early as January 17.

Welles Park will have early voting February 11-25

Vote by mail information is online.

44th ward had the highest voter turnout in the city, 47th ward had the second highest.

Jeff Goad (WLVN president) Grant program update

In 2019 we are looking for worthy opportunities to deploy our extra revenue.

We've given to the Library, Lakeview Pantry, YMCA, and we're looking for members to provide ideas.

How much money depends on the cause. We can do increments of \$500 up to \$5,000. We are also looking for matching donors.

We've also given to Hawthorne and Hamilton Schools.

Open questions

Q: We are new to the neighborhood, what is the purpose of your organization?

A (from Jeff Goad): We are stewards of development in the neighborhood and on the Southport Corridor (in particular) for the past 5-20 years. Merchants do their homework and know where to develop. We make sure developments fit, and they'll be good neighbors.

We're trying to be responsible, pay attention, and contribute to good quality of life. We all chose to be here for a reason, desirability of schools and the neighborhood.

We also have a summer festival, coming up with ideas to generate revenue. We are a small organization, but we have a desirable location, and that's our focus.