

**SOUTH EAST LAKEVIEW NEIGHBORS (SELVN)**  
**General Meeting**  
**March 8, 2021**  
**Second Unitarian Church,**  
**656 West Barry Street, Chicago, IL**

**SELVN Meeting Minutes at [selvn.org](http://selvn.org)**

**MINUTES**

**1) WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**, President Jan Sumrall.

- a) The meeting was a **virtual** meeting. Board members were introduced for the benefit of new members/attendees.
- b) The March SELVN General Meeting was called to order by President Sumrall at 7:00 p.m. with 7 board members, 2 guest speakers and 8 members/non-members.

**2) OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN MIKE QUIGLEY – ILLINOIS FIFTH DISTRICT - UPDATE –**  
Congressman Quigley.

- a) Congressman Quigley has been attending Selvn Meetings and providing updates since 1982. Congressman Quigley joined the virtual meeting from his office in Washington, D.C.
- b) Congressman Quigley said service work is most important. They are working on the covid package. President Biden should sign the bill Wednesday or Thursday. The minimum wage is not dead. They are hoping for a compromise. The infrastructure bill is getting closer to being passed. The infrastructure bill covers projects across the country. Funds for upgrading school buildings and park district facilities will be included in the infrastructure bill.
- c) There will be a 911 type investigation into the January 6, 2021 riots. Some of the items addressed will be better communication and better intelligence. A retractable fence around the capitol is under consideration.
- d) Bob Clarke asked about the determination of who qualifies for the Child Tax Credit. Mark Solock of Congressman Quigley's Office said it was not a simple answer and he would follow-up with the details. Mark Solock sent me the information on the Child Tax Credit the next day and the same was forwarded to Bob Clarke.
- e) Richard Gray mentioned that he worked for the Union Pacific Railroad before he retired. The railway system was working closely with government on major joint interest projects, such as the UP bridge over the Mississippi river at Clinton, IA, which is very near its end of useful life. Richard further noted that there are many other public works projects that are very critical, but not very visible to the public that will need work in coming years, such as sewers, water systems (pipes) and other basic supporting infrastructure. Congressman Quigley mentioned that they will be revisiting conditions of the rail lines.

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- f) If anyone needs help or assistance, they can reach out to Congressman Quigley and his staff using his website at <https://quigley.house.gov/contact>.

**3) OFFICE OF REPRESENTATIVE MARGARET CROKE – ILLINOIS TWELFTH DISTRICT - UPDATE** – Representative Croke.

- a) A recent vote was taken to limit leadership terms. The term for the speaker of the house and the minority leader will be limited to ten (10) years.
- b) Funding for the AIDS garden was approved.
- c) 12th District Representative Yoni Pizer will be working with Congressman Quigley's Office on addressing the current mail issues.
- d) The House is working on (i) the appropriation of funds to help small businesses, (ii) an ordinance creating a process to revoke tax incentives from "back actor" developers, and (iii) forming a task force to address hate crimes against Jewish and Asian people.
- e) Bob Clarke asked if the legislature is going to correct the issues with the pension burden. Representative Croke said that the pension burden is a fundamental structural problem and will fall under finances.
- f) If anyone needs help or assistance, they can reach out to Representative Croke and her staff at [margaret@repcroke.com](mailto:margaret@repcroke.com).

**4) GENERAL UPDATE** – Jan Sumrall.

- a) Empanada Mama. Empanada Mama at 2933 North Broadway added Lobster Mac and Cheese to its menu.
- b) Wal-Mart. The Wal-Mart at Surf and Broadway has been very good about helping vaccinate residents in the neighborhood.
- c) Carjacking. Officers from the 19th District CAPS Office are walking the neighborhood and passing out flyers to the restaurants and businesses that they can share with their customers and food delivery drivers on how to stay safe. The Officers are stressing not to leave cars unattended and running when picking up food and goods.
- d) Wrigley Field. The Cubs are working with the City to open Wrigley Field as a vaccination site.
- e) 19th Police District Twitter Account. The 19th Police District has a Twitter Account. Daily postings include alerts, general activities and events.
- f) Lakeview East Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber is working on a recovery plan for businesses operating in the Lakeview East area. The website includes general

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information regarding events, local specials, restaurants and stores that are open, as well as suggestions to help local businesses. The website is [www.lakevieweast.com](http://www.lakevieweast.com)

- g) Alderman Tunney Newsletter. Alderman Tunney's Office circulates a weekly newsletter every Thursday. The newsletter includes general updates, alerts and events (i.e., neighborhood events, construction updates, donation drives, etc.). You can subscribe to the newsletter by signing up through Alderman Tunney's website.
- h) Re-Define Lake Shore Drive. All of the particulars of the Project, including exhibits, are posted on [www.northlakeshoredrive.org](http://www.northlakeshoredrive.org). In addition, there is a link on the website to sign up for the newsletter.
- i) Construction Updates. See below, 44th Ward Update.

### **5) 44th WARD UPDATE – Calvin Cottrell - Alderman Tom Tunney's Office.**

- a) School Openings. More schools are re-opening. The lower grades are opening in successive waves. CPS has received a strong demand from parents to re-open the schools.
- b) Covid-19. The United Center will open as a vaccination site. Continue to view Alderman Tunney's website for updates on Covid-19 and the vaccination program.
- c) Chicago Park District – Proposed Turf Field for Soccer, Lacrosse and Football (East of the Driving Range). Bob Clarke asked if (i) the associations and leagues that will use the turf field will be required to pay a player rental fee; and (ii) why is there a cement block around the turf field? Calvin responded that (aa) he did not know if associations or leagues will be required to pay a rental fee and he will follow-up; and (bb) cement was added around the turf field in order to comply with ADA.
- d) Street Cleaning. Jeff Perkins noted that because of the late shedding of leaves this past fall, there were still lots of wet leaves in the streets after the snow melted. Jeff asked if it was possible for the City to perform an early street cleaning so that all the left over leaves did not go down the sewer. Calvin will follow-up.
- e) Night Ministry. Bob Clarke asked how the Night Ministry was doing during the pandemic. Ted from the Night Ministry (the "Ministry") said the Ministry has been working 24/7 reaching out to people and helping to get them into youth shelters or tent cities. The Ministry has helped over 100 people. The Ministry is working with the CTA and Department of Health. The Ministry is planning on expanding its services when it receives a grant to provide medical care outreach.
- f) General and Construction Updates. See Alderman Tunney's Weekly Newsletter for general updates, events, construction updates and street cleaning, etc. in the area.

### **1) NEW BUSINESS.**

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a) None.

**2) ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

a) Next meeting will be Monday, April 12, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

b) Next CAPS Meeting will be a virtual meeting on Monday, April 12, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

**3) MEETING ADJOURNMENT.**

a) The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jan Sumrall – President, SELVN