

SOUTH EAST LAKEVIEW NEIGHBORS (SELVN)
General Meeting
October 8, 2018
Second Unitarian Church,
656 West Barry St., Chicago IL

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MINUTES

1) WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS, President Jan Sumrall.

- a) The board members were introduced for the benefit of new members/attendees.
- b) The October SELVN General Meeting was called to order by President Sumrall at 7:05 p.m. with 17 current members and 14 non-members in attendance.

2) GENERAL UPDATE – Jan Sumrall.

- a) New Businesses – Clark Street (Between Surf and Oakdale). The following new businesses opened along Clark Street between Surf and Oakdale: (1) Timbl Fitness, offering yoga, strength, cardio and nutrition classes; (2) Off the Ground Dance Studio, a competitive dance studio; and (3) Crane Realty.
- b) Clark Street. John Rafkin noted that a lot of businesses on Clark Street were closing. Jan Sumrall said that she attended the recent Park West Annual Meeting. Alderman Smith said that Lincoln Park Zoo was the third most attended tourist attraction in the US. Alderman Smith further said that she has reached out to Lincoln Park Zoo to promote parking arrangements closer to Clark Street for tourists going to Lincoln Park Zoo. Further, Alderman Smith anticipates more business coming to Clark Street.
- c) Re-Define Lake Shore Drive Project. As mentioned by Alderman Tunney at the last SELVN Meeting, the Project is massive and will have a large impact on the area. All of the particulars of the Project are posted on www.northlakeshoredrive.org. Public meetings about the Project are ongoing and Alderman Tunney attends all of the meetings.
- d) 19th Police District Twitter Account. The 19th Police District has a Twitter account. Daily postings include alerts, general activities and events.
- e) Alderman Tunney Newsletter. Alderman Tunney's Office circulates a weekly newsletter every Thursday. The newsletter includes general updates, alerts and events. You can subscribe to the newsletter by signing up through Alderman Tunney's website.

3) GUEST SPEAKER – CONGRESSMAN MIKE QUIGLEY, ILLINOIS, 5TH DISTRICT.

- a) Congressman Quigley is the ranking Democrat on the Appropriations Committee. If the Democrats take charge of the House after the upcoming mid-term elections, then Congressman Quigley would be the Chairman of the Appropriations Committee.

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- b) Congressman Quigley is going to Brownsville, Texas to visit the children at the detainee center.
 - c) Part of Congressman Quigley's job is to draw resources back to the City. He has obtained funding for the CTA Redline and MWRD Reserves.
 - d) Congressman Quigley believes that there is a sense of working together and uniting between the parties. Congressman Quigley is hopeful, and people need to engage.
- 4) DRYHOP PRESENTATION (PREMISES – 3155-3159 NORTH BROADWAY AVENUE) – LIQUOR LICENSE EXPANSION OF USE PLAN OF OPERATION (the “Expansion Plan of Operation”) – Thomas R. Raines, Esq.**
- a) DryHop would like to expand its business into the adjacent premises to open a Neapolitan pizza place. There will be a separate entrance. The existing liquor license will be expanded to include the pizza place. The pizza place will be on the first floor, consisting of approximately 3,000 square feet. The pizza place will open seven days a week in the evening and for lunch only on Saturday and Sunday. Alderman Tunney's Office has reviewed the Expansion Plan of Operation and does not have any issues.
 - b) Don Franklin made a motion to approve the Expansion Plan of Operation. Bob Clarke seconded the motion. A vote was held. 16 votes in favor of the Expansion Plan of Operation. No opposing votes. No abstentions.
- 5) CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT – PROPOSED TURF FIELD FOR SOCCER AND FOOTBALL (EAST OF THE DRIVING RANGE) PRESENTATION – Julie Smith, Chicago Park District.**
- a) The Park District and the Board of Education are working together on a turf field for soccer and football at the area east of the driving range for use by Lincoln Park High School and the public. The proposed turf field is in the very early stage of discussions. Julie Smith passed out a preliminary exhibit of the proposed artificial turf field noting it is in the preliminary stages. See attached.
 - b) The proposed area (the “Area”) is currently used by the public for soccer and other ball games. The Area has been rented by the Park District for events for many years. The Area is not in very good condition and there is currently a water drainage issue with the Area.
 - c) An underground water storage system would be installed that would be connected to a sewer system. The grass would be replaced with astro turf. The Area will be used by Lincoln Park High School, the public and permitted events. For permitted events, the dates and times will be posted. There will be no sound systems permitted. Lighting will be situated so as not to disturb residents. Lighting will be allowed only during park hours. If bleachers are installed, there will be a maximum of two bleachers, each having room to hold no more than twenty-five people.

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- d) There was some opposition to the project even if drainage is provided. Astro turf is a terrible idea; grass should remain. Other concerns raised were noise and stadium quality lights affecting nearby residents. In addition, a concern was raised that the park would be full of turf fields, monuments, memorial gardens, art and sculpture installations, thereby losing the open land feeling. See subparagraph c) above for the response to concerns.
- e) Several residents expressed support for the project so long as the drainage issue is addressed.
- f) Resident Michelle Giles mentioned that she participated in the Urban Ecology Field Lab Program at the Field Museum of Natural History. She worked on the relationship between soil and water infiltration rates across different land use types. The following is the link to the report. <https://rusustain.wordpress.com/2018/09/18/how-does-your-water-flow-comparing-soil-infiltration-rates-between-natural-areas-and-turf-grass-in-urban-parkland/>
- g) The feasibility study being prepared by the Park District should be completed in November and will be brought before SELVN.

6) 44th WARD UPDATE – Alderman Tom Tunney.

- a) Landmark District Neighborhood Update. As a follow-up, Alderman Tunney mentioned that he met with each single-family homeowner and each owner of the two/three flats that are being considered for landmark designation. The Landmark District conversations will continue with Alderman Tunney and the community. Details will continue to follow.
- b) Merlo Library on Belmont Renovation Update. The Merlo Library will be undergoing a 5 Million Dollar renovation. Ground breaking shall occur at the end of January 2019 or the beginning of February 2019. The new facility will be completed and open to the public by December 2019.
- c) Cobblestone Sidewalks. A resident mentioned that the cobblestone sidewalks around inner Lake Shore Drive (especially around the Brookdale Retirement Center) are difficult for navigating by residents in the area that use walkers or wheelchairs. Is it possible to make the sidewalks more surface friendly with smoother pavers? Alderman Tunney's Office will follow up.
- d) Sewer Main Replacements - Update. Proceeding as scheduled (i.e., completion in late November, weather and equipment permitting). Street resurfacing is expected in Spring 2019.
- e) ADA Corner Ramps (along Clark Street between Diversey and Addison) - Update. ADA corner ramps are being replaced to bring the ramps up to current ADA standards. Proceeding as scheduled.

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- f) Benches at Bus Stop. Jeff Perkins asked Alderman Tunney about the wrought iron benches at the bus stop at Sheridan and Belmont. The benches are rusted and in bad shape. Alderman's Tunney's Office will follow up.

7) NEW BUSINESS – None.

8) ANNOUNCEMENTS.

- a) None.
- b) Next meeting will be Monday, November 12, 2018.

9) MEETING ADJOURNMENT.

- a) The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Sumrall – President, SELVN

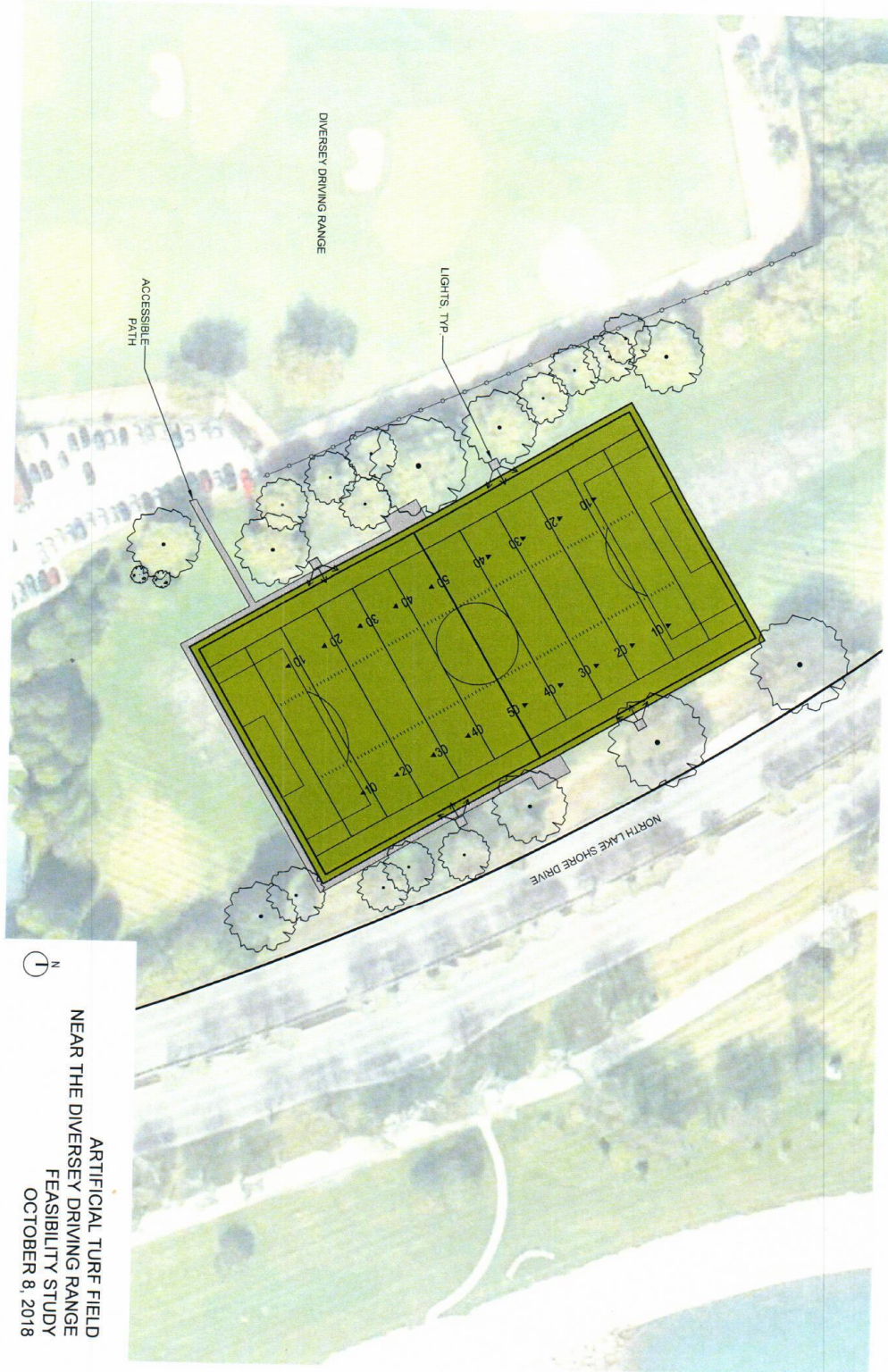
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