

**SOUTH EAST LAKEVIEW NEIGHBORS (SELVN)**  
**General Meeting**  
**December 14, 2020**  
**Second Unitarian Church,**  
**656 West Barry Street, Chicago, IL**

**SELVN Meeting Minutes at selvn.org**

**MINUTES**

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

- a) The meeting was a **virtual** meeting via a YouTube Link. Board members were introduced for the benefit of new members/attendees.
- b) The December SELVN General Meeting was called to order by President Sumrall at 7:00 p.m. with 8 board members and 2 guest speakers in attendance virtually. 9 members/non-members joined via the YouTube link.

**2) OFFICE OF SENATOR SARA FEIGENHOLTZ UPDATE** – Senator Feigenholtz and Alyssa Goodstein, Chief of Staff.

- a) Due to cancellation because staff being under the weather (they do not think it was Covid), no report.
- b) However, if anyone needs assistance or help, they can reach out to Senator Feigenholtz and her staff at [sara@senatorsara.com](mailto:sara@senatorsara.com).

**3) GENERAL UPDATE** – Jan Sumrall.

- a) Wellington Avenue Church (the “Church”). With attendance dwindling, the Church voted to sell the large property that exceeded its needs. The Church was purchased by Chabad Lakeview in September. They were the group that hosted Menorah events at the old Treasure Island site on North Broadway. Rabbi Dovid Kotlarsky and his family moved into the two-flat on the property. After the first of the year, Bennett Lawson (Alderman Tunney’s Chief of Staff) will arrange and introduction between Jan Sumrall and Rabbi Kotlarsky. In the future, the Church will have some sort of physical space in the Church. Until then, services will continue via Zoom.
- b) Christian Science Church (the “ PG Church”) – Pine Grove and Wrightwood. While the PG Church is just outside of Selvn, it is also an example of a dwindling congregation. The PG Church was recently sold to a developer. The PG Church will remain on the premises using 5,000 square feet of the existing sanctuary. The remainder of the building will be renovated to include an addition to property for 26 residential units. It is anticipated that the units will be condominiums. However, depending on market conditions, the residential units could become rentals.
- c) Board Nominations/Vote. The slate of candidates for the 2021-2022 Term are: York Chan, Robert Clarke, Liz Cohen, Mary Knoblauch and John Rafkin. According to the By-Laws, when taking a vote at a general meeting or an annual meeting, any vote must

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actually be cast in person. As a result, there will not be a vote on the slate of candidates. The board is reviewing a temporary alternative so that a vote can be taken after the first of the year.

- d) 19th Police District Twitter Account. The 19th Police District has a Twitter Account. Daily posting includes alerts, general activities and events.
- e) Lakeview East Chamber of Commerce. The website includes general 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)
- f) Mortar & Pestle Restaurant – 3108 Broadway. Liz Cohen mentioned that a sign was posted yesterday on the door that the restaurant is temporarily closed.
- 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. See additional below updates.
- i) Construction Updates. See below, 44th Ward Update.

#### **4) 44th WARD UPDATE – Alderman Tunney, Calvin Cottrell - Alderman Tom Tunney's Office.**

- a) General Updates – Alderman Tunney. (i) Alderman Tunney is not happy with the City budget. There should be City cuts. There have been no layoffs or furloughs. The City needs to do its part. A large part of the budget is public safety. The hotel occupancy rate is down, and businesses are closing. Alderman Tunney is concerned about services to his ward being reduced. Bob Clarke asked about federal aid. Alderman Tunney hopes that the new administration will provide additional funding. (ii) There is still an interest from neighbors for a dog park to be designated in the inner park area between Briar and Diversey. (iii) The estimated completion date of the AIDS Garden is Fall 2021. (iv) The e-scooter program indicated pretty high usage. The Chicago Department of Transportation is evaluating the program and is looking for feedback. There is a link on Alderman Tunney's website to take a survey and provide feedback on the e-scooter pilot program.
- b) Christmas Tree Pick Up. Alderman Tunney and his office will be picking up Christmas trees for recycling on January 9th and January 10th, 2021. There is a link on Alderman Tunney's website to sign up for Christmas tree pickup.
- c) 3115 North Broadway. Permits have been approved for the renovation project at 3115 North Broadway.

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- d) Re-Define Lake Shore Drive. The next meeting should occur in the second quarter of 2021. At this point, Aldine will remain as is and there will be no access to the outer drive from Aldine. Alderman Tunney will attend the meeting.
- e) Renaming Lake Shore Drive. According the proposal Lake Shore Drive would be renamed Jean Baptiste Point du Sable Drive. Bob Clarke said that Lake Shore Drive is iconic and well known. Chicago and Lake Shore Drive are synonymous. Renaming Lake Shore Drive would be like renaming the Champs Elysees. Alderman Tunney said that it has been proposed that only outer Lake Shore Drive would be renamed. Inner Lake Shore Drive would remain Lake Shore Drive so that residential addresses would not be changed. Any comments or concerns regarding the name change should be sent in an e-mail to Alderman Tunney's Office.
- f) Infrastructure. Street repaving is ongoing. The estimated date of the installation of the crosswalk at the southeast corner of Surf and Broadway has been changed to the first quarter of 2021. Additional lights will be installed in the alley between 2800 North Sheridan Road and 2800 North Pine Grove.
- g) Chicago Park District – Proposed Turf Field for Soccer, Lacrosse and Football (East of the Driving Range). In response to a question by Bob Clark, Alderman Tunney said that all the work being performed by the driving range is part of the solution to the water table issue at Wellington and Briar. Weather permitting, the turf field is now anticipated to be completed in September 2021. The drainage and turf field plans are on Alderman Tunney's website.
- h) 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.**

- a) None.

**2) ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

- a) Next meeting will be Monday, January 11, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.
- b) Next CAPS Meeting will be a virtual meeting on Monday, February 8, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

**3) MEETING ADJOURNMENT.**

- a) The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jan Sumrall – President, SELVN