

SOUTH EAST LAKEVIEW NEIGHBORS (SELVN)
General Meeting
March 13, 2023
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. 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 7:05 p.m. with 6 board members, 2 guest speakers and 7 members/non-members.

2) REPRESENTATIVE MARGARET CROKE – UPDATE – Margaret Croke/Jacqueline Duarte, Chief of Staff, Representative Croke’s Office.

- a) Governor Pritzker gave the Budget Address which noted fiscal improvement and an upgrade in financial status.
- b) Representative Croke is working on addressing childcare needs which include allocating funds to (i) expand pre-k care/programs; and (ii) provide incentives to get more professionals to work in the childcare programs.
- c) Representative Croke has also been working on (i) homeless prevention; (ii) an anti-bullying bill; and (iii) the removal of the requirement under HMO’s that a referral is needed to see a specialist.
- d) If anyone needs help or assistance, they can reach out to Representative Croke and her staff at info@repcroke.com

3) OFFICE OF SENATOR SARA FEIGENHOLTZ – UPDATE – Senator Feigenholtz/Samantha Biel, Director of Outreach & Community Engagement, Senator Feigenholtz’s Office.

- a) Senator Feigenholtz is the Chair of the Financial Institutions Committee and Vice-Chair of the Appropriations Committee. Senator Feigenholtz is also on several other committees.
- b) Senator Feigenholtz is working on a bill that would require the new construction of multi-residential buildings to include basic infrastructure for electronic vehicle charging stations.
- c) 1.4 Million Dollars has been allocated to the purchase and installation of license plate readers on the highways. According to the Illinois State Police, as a result of said installation of license plate readers, crime on the highways is down forty-seven percent (47%).

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- d) The EPA has closed all of the emission testing locations in the city. They are trying to move emission testing back into the city by setting up kiosks within the city limits.
- e) In connection with Earth Day, which is April 22, 2023, Senator Feigenholtz will co-sponsor a shredding event.
- f) The specifics of any bill that Senator Feigenholtz is working on can be viewed on her website or the State of Illinois website.
- g) If anyone needs help or assistance, they can reach out to Senator Feigenholtz and her staff at sara@senatorsara.com.

4) GENERAL UPDATE – Jan Sumrall.

- a) Storefronts. Several of the storefronts on Broadway and Clark continue to show signs of work in the spaces and/or coming soon signs. See below.
- b) Bookman's Corner – Clark/Wellington. The owner, John Chandler, passed away November 14, 2022. Earlier this month, all of the books and inventory have been removed and the bookstore has been closed. Several residents shared stories about Mr. Chandler and their experiences at the bookstore.
- c) 565 West Diversey – French Patisserie Shop. Open.
- d) Dashing Dog – 2903 North Clark Street. Open. Dashing Dog offers dog grooming and other related services.
- e) Alderman-Elect Bennett Lawson. An announcement was recently circulated to the residents on Selvn's membership/contact list noting that the 44th Ward has prepared a survey of priorities for the next term. A link to the survey was included in the announcement.
- f) Early Voting. As of April 4, 2023, you can vote or drop off your mail ballot at Merlo Library, 644 West Belmont.
- g) Driving Range Area Flooding ("Lake Wellington"). Liz Cohen mentioned that Lake Wellington has not dried up. There was a brief discussion based around the recall of previous status reports regarding follow-up by the Park District and removal of the fence. Jan Sumrall will follow-up with Jessica Papp for an update.
- h) CAPS Meetings. Starting in 2023, the CAPS Meetings will be in person. The CAPS Meeting for Beat 1934 (which encompasses the area bounded by Diversey, Halsted, Belmont, and the lake) will be held at the Senior Building located at 416 West Barry every other month at 6:30 p.m.
- i) 19th Police District Twitter Account. The 19th Police District has a Twitter Account. Daily postings include alerts, general activities, and events.

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- j) Chicago Alternative Policing (CAPS). An officer from the CAPS Office is available to come to a resident's home, rental and/or condominium building or commercial business to provide a security assessment and safety tips. If you are interested in a security assessment, please reach out to CAPS.019district @chicagopolice.org. or call (312) 744-0064.
- k) 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
- l) 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.
- m) Re-Define Lake Shore Drive. All of the particulars of the Project, including exhibits, are posted on www.northdusablelakeshoredrive.org. In addition, there is a link on the website to sign up for the newsletter. It is anticipated that there will be a community meeting that will provide updates on the Re-Define Lake Shore Drive Plan in early 2023.

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

- a) 44th Ward Update. Early voting for the runoff election starts April 4. You can vote at Merlo Library or the Loop Super Site at Clark and Lake Street.
- b) Annual Wrigley Field Community Meeting (the "Wrigley Meeting"). The Wrigley Meeting was held March 7, 2023, at the 19th District Police Station, 850 West Addison. It was well attended. It was brought up at the Wrigley Meeting that some of the conditions in the ordinance relating to the number of times and hours night concerts can be held at Wrigley Field are sunseting. Jan Sumrall mentioned that the 44th Ward Survey has a question regarding residents views regarding concerts at Wrigley Field.
- c) Public Safety Updates. See Alderman Tunney's website for public safety updates.
- d) General and Construction Updates. See Alderman Tunney's Weekly Newsletter for additional 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, April 10, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.
- b) Next CAPS Meeting will be April 26, 2023.

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3) MEETING ADJOURNMENT.

- a) The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Sumrall – President, SELVN