

**SOUTH EAST LAKEVIEW NEIGHBORS (SELVN)**  
**General Meeting**  
**May 8, 2023**  
**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 May SELVN General Meeting was called to order by President Sumrall at 7:02 p.m. with 6 board members and 7 members/non-members.

**2) OFFICE OF SENATOR SARA FEIGENHOLTZ - UPDATE – Max Umansky, District Director for Senator Feigenholtz.**

- 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) The House is currently in session and working on the budget for 2024. The current session will end May 19.
- c) Senator Feigenholtz is working on bill that will expand electric vehicle charging infrastructure. The bill would require new construction of single-family homes and multi-unit residential buildings to include basic infrastructure for electric vehicle charging stations in a certain number of parking spaces. It also lays out rights and obligations to allow flexibility for tenants and condominium unit owners seeking to install an EV charger on their own, while granting property owners the ability to recoup costs when an EV charging system is installed or removed at the request of a tenant or unit owner. John Rafkin had several questions regarding the effect the bill would have on existing multi-unit residential buildings. There was a brief discussion regarding said questions. Max suggested that John reach out to him directly with concerns regarding said bill so that Max could address issues specific to John's building.
- d) Senator Feigenholtz is working on legislation that improves transparency, reporting and more timely notification of bullying incidents in schools. House Bill 3425 would require schools to alert parents and guardians of alleged bullying incidents involving their child within 24 hours after the school's administration is made aware of the incident.
- e) Senator Feigenholtz is working on legislation that amends House Bill 2231 to bring ride share companies' responsibilities and obligations in line with taxicab companies' responsibilities and obligations.
- f) The specifics of any bill that Senator Feigenholtz is working on can be viewed on her website or the State of Illinois website.

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- g) If anyone needs help or assistance, they can reach out to Senator Feigenholtz and her staff at sara@senatorsara.com.

### 3) GENERAL UPDATE – Jan Sumrall.

- a) Mary Knoblauch. Mary Knoblauch was a current board member, long time member of SELVN, and long time resident of SELVN. Mary recently passed away. A memorial tree gift of three (3) trees will be planted in honor of Mary. The trees will be planted where needed and a plaque will be placed on each tree in Mary's honor. Several board members shared stories about Mary's time on the board and in the community.
- b) Robert Eastline. Robert Eastline was a former board member as well as a longtime member of SELVN. Robert recently passed away. Several board members shared stories about Robert's time on the board.
- c) 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.
- d) 2933 North Broadway (the former Empanada Mama Restaurant). A coming soon for a Mexican restaurant is posted in the window.
- e) Ceres Restaurant – 3124 North Broadway. Ceres is still open and operating and has changed from a seasonal rustic Italian menu to a more traditional Italian menu.
- f) 3160 North Broadway. The owners of the Building came before SELVN in May 2021 to request a change in zoning to make renovations to the building. The renovation project was approved. The proposed start date for the renovation was July 2023. The building has a for sale sign on it. Jan Sumrall recently spoke to the Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce, and she said that the building had been quietly on the market for a while. They now have a new broker. The new broker posted a for sale sign on the building.
- g) Century Mall. Prior to the SELVN Meeting, Bob Clarke sent an inquiry to Alderman Tunney's Office regarding the Notice posted at the Century Mall requesting zoning amendments. Jessica Papp from Alderman Tunney's Office provided the following update via e-mail. "The original PD was created back in 1976." "This change will allow this PD to be on par with similar PDs, modernize the PD, and give the building more flexibility as to usage, for instance restaurants, maybe (just an example) an escape room concept, etc. The property first needed to go before the Chicago Plan Commission; that was deferred on April 20 because they are still undergoing necessary departmental reviews."
- h) 2918 North Clark Street. Prior to the SELVN Meeting, Bob Clarke sent an inquiry to Alderman Tunney's Office regarding an update on the now long-vacated "house of mirrors" building at 2918 North Clark Street. Jessica Papp provided the following update via e-mail. "I reached out to the Department of Buildings, and I still have not received

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word about 2918 North Clark. It currently is a live/work studio facility, so unsure if the 25% signage requirement applies.”

- i) Driving Range Area Flooding (“Lake Wellington”) Update. Prior to the SELVN Meeting, Bob Clark sent an inquiry to Alderman Tunney’s Office regarding an update on the restoration of plantings at Diversey driving range. Bob noted that only a tiny portion of the lilac bushes that were planted covered the area of the previous shrubbery. Jessica Papp provided the following update via e-mail. “The shrubs have a 2-3 year grow-in period. If there are areas you think more shrubs can be planted, please send pictures of those areas and I can suggest to the Park and see if they can’t add more.”
- j) Bicycle Donations. Samantha Schneider said that Chicago Bike Grid Now has partnered with Bikes N’Roses to deliver bikes to migrants in Chicago. If you can donate a bike, please reach out to Bikes N’Roses.
- k) Alderman-Elect Bennett Lawson. In March, an announcement was circulated to the residents on SELVN’s membership/contact list noting that the 44th Ward had prepared a survey of priorities for the next term. A link to the survey was included in the announcement. The results of the survey can be viewed via a link on Alderman Tunney’s website.
- l) 19th Police District St. Jude Walk Breakfast. The 19th District Steering Committee provided breakfast for the Officers after they finished the St. Jude Walk on May 7. The Officers were very appreciative.
- m) WOOGMS Parade. Liz Cohen mentioned that the annual WOOGMS Memorial Day Parade will be May 29 at 11:00 a.m. The Parade kicks off at Wellington and Pine Grove.
- n) 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.
- o) 19th Police District Twitter Account. The 19th Police District has a Twitter Account. Daily postings include alerts, general activities, and events.
- p) 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.
- q) 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)

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- r) 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.
  - s) Re-Define Lake Shore Drive. All of the particulars of the Project, including exhibits, are posted on [www.northdusablelakeshoredrive.org](http://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 fall 2023.
- 4) 44th WARD UPDATE – Alderman Tom Tunney/Calvin Cottrell - Alderman Tom Tunney's Office.**
- a) 44th Ward Update. Along with other governmental offices across the north side, Alderman Tunney's Office is accepting donations to help the migrants arriving in Chicago. A full list of highly needed items is listed on Alderman Tunney's website. There is a centralized website including all the volunteer opportunities, needed items and financial donations links for the migrants, which can be found via the link on Alderman Tunney's website.
  - b) Summer Lifeguards. The Chicago Park District is looking to hire lifeguards for the upcoming summer season. Information about lifeguard positions and all the summer job opportunities with the Park District can be found via the link on Alderman Tunney's website.
  - c) Calvin Cottrell. Calvin said that this will be his last SELVN Meeting. He will be moving on to another governmental position. Calvin said he enjoyed working with SELVN. Good wishes and a thank you were extended to Calvin.
  - d) Public Safety Updates. See Alderman Tunney's website for public safety updates.
  - e) 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, June 12, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.
  - b) Next CAPS Meeting will be June 28, 2023.
- 3) MEETING ADJOURNMENT.**
- a) The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,  
Jan Sumrall – President, SELVN