

SOUTH EAST LAKEVIEW NEIGHBORS (SELVN)
General Meeting
June 12, 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 June SELVN General Meeting was called to order by President Sumrall at 7:05 p.m. with 9 board members 4 guests and 7 members/non-members.

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

- a) Earlier in the year, Congressman Quigley's Office moved to 1925 North Clybourn. The telephone number to his office is (773) 267-5926. There is parking in front of his office.
- b) Service work with the community is the most important work in his office. Since people are planning on traveling, his office continues to receive a lot of calls regarding the issuance of passports.
- c) Congressman Quigley participated in the WOOGMS Memorial Day Parade on May 29.
- d) Congressman Quigley is continuing to work on the following bills/programs: (i) debt issues; (ii) gun laws; (iii) caps on IRAs; (iv) emissions bill; and (v) Big Cat Safety bill. Some of the funds from the infrastructure program went toward 500 bullet proof vests for Police Officers.
- e) The specifics of any bill that Congressman Quigley is working on can be viewed on his website or the State of Illinois website.
- 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) 3040 NORTH CLARK STREET – CLARK STREET DOG – PRESENTATION AND
LIQUOR LICENSE REQUEST – Angelo Velliotis.

- a) Clark Street Dog initially had a tavern license and are now changing to an incidental use. In addition, they are looking to make the patio area more permanent.
- b) Hours of operation will be: (i) Sunday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m. with liquor service in the restaurant interior from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. and with liquor service in the patio area from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.; (ii) Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 a.m. with liquor service in the restaurant interior from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. and with liquor service

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in the patio area from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.; and (iii) Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 a.m. with liquor service in the restaurant interior from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m. and with liquor service in the patio area from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

- c) New Velliotis, Inc., d/b/a Clark Street Dog has applied for the issuance of a Retail Food Establishment License, Consumption on Premises – Incidental Activity License and Outdoor Patio License (together, the “License”). The Plan of Operation for the License was approved by Alderman Lawson’s Office and the 19th District Police Department.
- d) John Rafkin made a motion to approve the License. Bob Clarke seconded the motion. A vote was held with the following results: 9 yes, 0 no, and 0 abstention.

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

- a) The new Budget will add funds to the: (i) rainy-day fund, (ii) pension funds and (iii) public schools fund for wages and the Smart Start Program.
- b) Representative Croke has 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.
- c) Representative Croke has also been working on capital funding for infrastructure projects for Lincoln Park Zoo and the Peggy Notebbsert Nature Museum.
- d) If anyone needs help or assistance, they can reach out to Representative Croke and her staff at info@repcroke.com

5) LINCOLN PARK CONSERVANCY (the “Conservancy”) – UPDATE ON THE RESTORATION OF NORTH POND, FUTURE EXPANSIONS AND THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY – Doug Widener, Executive Director, and Julie Tenner.

- a) Doug Widener spoke about: (i) the Conservancy’s Volunteer and Docent Programs; (ii) raising money for future projects; and (iii) the 7.2-million-dollar restoration of the North Pond.
- b) The Conservancy is working on a survey to send to residents that will address: (i) how do residents use the park; (ii) what type of projects are residents interested in that will improve the Park; (iii) how can the Conservancy and community groups work together; and (iv) how can the Conservancy make projects happen.
- c) The Conservancy will be celebrating its 40th anniversary in 2024.

6) 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.

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- b) Artwork. The artwork called “Bird in a Cage” was installed on the northeast corner of Diversey and Broadway.
- c) 3121 North Broadway. Jan Sumrall ran into John Mengel, owner of the 3121-renovation project. He introduced his wife and said they were waiting for the final City inspection. Once they pass the inspection, they can start leasing space in the building. The “Medallion” mural was installed on the south side of the building by a local artist.
- d) Taqueria Tejupilco - 2933 North Broadway. Now open.
- e) 3109 North Broadway – (The old House of Fine Chocolates). Work is being done in the space as a basic vanilla box buildout. So far, the space has not been leased.
- f) Pre-Pride Update. (i) There will be approximately 55 floats. Due to covid still being tame but still around last year, the numbers were down for last year. This year they are anticipating record numbers of marchers and onlookers. (ii) Parking restrictions will go into effect as of 5:00 a.m. The Finance Department will be out enforcing restrictions. Streets will be closed down no later than 9:30 a.m. (iii) Signs will be posted on the poles where you can cross the street. (iv) The parade ended last year around 6:30 p.m. They expect it to end around the same time this year. (v) One street cleaning will follow at the end of the parade. The second street cleaning will occur after all the bars are closed. All residential streets will be cleaned. (vi) CTA buses will be re-routed starting at 8:00 a.m. and ending when Belmont and Diversey are cleared. Due to the heavy number of people that used the Belmont el station last year, there will be extra security at the Belmont el station. As a result, they had to close the Belmont el station periodically due to the large crowds. Hopefully, they will not have to close the Belmont el station this year. (vii) Police Officers will be out in uniform. The parade security people will be in gold color t-shirts and/or wearing yellow security jackets. There will also be the usual plain clothes/undercover security. (iiiv) The parade route, parking restrictions, and the buses that are rerouted are all posted on Alderman Lawson's website.
- g) Dine Out On Broadway. The Dine Out On Broadway event will be held one weekend in July and one weekend in September. See the Lakeview East Chamber of Commerce website for additional information, dates, times, and the participating restaurants.
- h) 19th Police District Twitter Account. The 19th Police District has a Twitter Account. Daily postings include alerts, general activities, and events.
- i) 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.
- j) 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

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- k) Alderman Lawson Newsletter. Alderman Lawson's Office circulates a weekly newsletter every Friday. 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 Lawson's website.
- l) 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 fall 2023.

7) **44th WARD UPDATE** – Alderman Bennett Lawson/Maggie Gaecke, Chief of Staff - Alderman Bennett Lawson's Office.

- a) 44th Ward Update. Congratulations were extended to Alderman Lawson as the new Alderman of the 44th Ward. Alderman Lawson introduced his Chief of Staff, Maggie Gaecke.
- b) WOOGMS Parade. Alderman Lawson participated in the WOOGMS Memorial Day Parade on May 29.
- c) Assistance for Migrants. Along with other governmental offices across the north side, Alderman Lawson's Office is accepting donations to help the migrants arriving in Chicago. A full list of highly needed items is listed on Alderman Lawson'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 Lawson's website.
- d) Resurfacing and Repaving. Prior to the Pride Parade, Broadway from Barry to Wellington will be resurfaced. After the Pride Parade, all scheduled (or halted) resurfacing and repaving projects will commence.
- e) 2844 North Broadway – Old Wal-Mart Space. There has been some interest in the old Wal-Mart Space, but nothing solid.
- f) Public Safety Updates. See Alderman Lawson's website for public safety updates.
- g) General and Construction Updates. See Alderman Lawson'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, July 10, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

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b) Next CAPS Meeting will be June 28, 2023.

3) MEETING ADJOURNMENT.

a) The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Sumrall – President, SELVN