

SOUTH EAST LAKEVIEW NEIGHBORS (SELVN)
General Meeting
August 14, 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 August SELVN General Meeting was called to order by President Sumrall at 7:05 p.m. with 8 board members 2 guests and 3 members/non-members.

2) 2835 NORTH BROADWAY STREET – COMFORT’S AFRICAN CUISINE – PRESENTATION AND LIQUOR LICENSE REQUEST – Tobi Afolarin.

- a) Comfort’s African Cuisine has applied for the issuance of a Retail Food Establishment License, Consumption on Premises – Incidental Activity License (together, the “License”). The Plan of Operation for the License was approved by Alderman Lawson’s Office and the 19th District Police Department.
- b) At this time, the initial hours of operation are anticipated to be from 12:00 p.m. until 2:00 a.m., seven (7) days a week. Once they have been open and get a feel for the hours, they will adjust the hours and days they are open accordingly.
- c) Bob Clarke made a motion to approve the License. Richard Grey seconded the motion. A vote was held with the following results: 8 yes, 0 no, and 0 abstention.

3) 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) Senator Feigenholtz continues to work on on-going legislation.
- c) Senator Feigenholtz is working on amending legislation that addresses the sale of hearing aids and the duties thereof by technicians.
- d) The specifics of any bill that Senator Feigenholtz is working on can be viewed on her website or the State of Illinois website.
- e) Senator Feigenholtz is hosting a Coffee with Senator Feigenholtz on September 12, 2023, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Stella’s Diner at 3042 North Broadway.

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- f) Senator Feigenholtz is hosting Coffee with Senator Feigenholtz on September 21, 2023, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Bacinos in the Park at Diversey and inner Lake Shore Drive.
- 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) Brothers Creamery Frozen Custard – 2928 North Broadway. Now Open.
- c) Poppers - 2845 North Broadway. Now open.
- d) Omni Speakeasy & Dessert - 3135 North Broadway. Now open.
- e) Olor Coffee – 2811 North Broadway. Now open.
- f) Tuk-Tuk Thai Street Food – 2852 North Clark Street. Now open.
- g) Halloween Store. Part of the now closed Wal-mart space on Broadway will be available as a Halloween store.
- h) National Night Out. The 19th Police District National Night Out was held August 1, 2023, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Welles Park, 2333 West Sunnyside. There was food, face painting, a magic show, give-aways, and raffle prizes. Target donated two (2) bicycles for the raffle.
- i) Lincoln Park Conservancy Survey. Selvn recently sent to its membership the Lincoln Park Conservancy Survey (the “Survey”) to gather information regarding residents’ use of the Park. The Survey is short. The Survey contains a link to sign up for the Lincoln Park Conservancy’s Newsletter.
- j) 19th Police District Twitter Account. The 19th Police District has a Twitter Account. Daily postings include alerts, general activities, and events.
- k) 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.
- l) 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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- m) 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.
- n) 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.

5) 44th WARD UPDATE – Alderman Bennett Lawson/Maggie Gaecke, Chief of Staff - Alderman Bennett Lawson's Office.

- a) 44th Ward Update. No report.
- b) 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.
- c) Public Safety Updates. See Alderman Lawson's website for public safety updates.
- d) 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, September 11, 2023, at 7:0 p.m.
- b) Next CAPS Meeting will be August 23, 2023.

3) MEETING ADJOURNMENT.

- a) The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Sumrall – President, SELVN