

## SOUTH EAST LAKEVIEW NEIGHBORS (SELVN)

General Meeting  
November 13, 2023  
ZOOM MEETING

### 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 November SELVN General Meeting was called to order by President Sumrall at 7:03 p.m. with 8 board members and 7 members/non-members.

#### 2) OFFICE OF SENATOR SARA FEIGENHOLTZ - UPDATE – Samantha Biel, Director of Outreach & Community Engagement, Office of 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 recently received the Illinois Environmental Lifetime Achievement Award.
- d) The Invest in Kids Act, which allows income tax credits for taxpayers who make authorized contributions to a scholarship granting organization, sunsets the end of December 2024.
- e) A trailer bill is under review that will allow for the end of the moratorium on new nuclear construction under certain circumstances. Senator Feigenholtz will veto the bill.
- 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](mailto:sara@senatorsara.com)

#### 3) GENERAL UPDATE – Jan Sumrall.

- a) Firefighter Price. Firefighter Andrew Drew Price passed away on November 13, fighting a local fire. Firefighter Price was posted at the Fire House located at 2714 North Halsted (Diversey), CFD Engine 55, Truck 44. Liz Cohen shared a memory of Truck 44 and firemen, including Firefighter Price, attending their recent block party.
- b) 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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- c) Tropical Café (Smoothies) – 654 West Diversey. Now open.
- d) 2nd Street Resale Shop – 666 West Diversey. Coming soon.
- e) Longevity Medicine – 742 West Diversey. Specializes in longevity, preventive, and anti-aging medicine. Coming soon.
- f) Poppers – 2845 North Broadway. Currently closed.
- g) Renaldi's – 2827 North Broadway. Temporarily closed.
- h) Gift Givers Program. The annual Lakeview East Chamber of Commerce Gift Givers Program runs from November 1 through December 21. Spend \$300 at participating local shops and bring in your receipts and receive a \$50 gift certificate from the Lakeview East Chamber of Commerce. See the Lakeview East Chamber of Commerce website for details.
- i) Dog Park. Jeff Katz, founding member of the Lakeview Dog Park Council (the "Council"), mentioned that The Lakeview Dog Park referendum passed with over 80% support on the ballot for the November 8 general election. The proposed location of the dog park is Briar and inner Lake Shore Drive. The Council continues to work with the Park District on further details. The Council will have a community meeting in the future to provide updates.
- j) 19th Police District Steering Committee. The 19th Police District Steering Committee will provide Thanksgiving meals for all the Police Officers on Wednesday evening and for all shifts on Thanksgiving Day.
- k) 19th Police District Twitter Account. The 19th Police District has a Twitter Account. Daily postings include alerts, general activities, and events.
- l) 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.
- m) 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)
- n) 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.
- o) Re-Define Lake Shore Drive. The last newsletter was circulated on October 9, 2023. The newsletter noted that the website was updated. All of the particulars of the Project,

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including exhibits, are posted on the updated website at [www.northdusablelakeshoredrive.org](http://www.northdusablelakeshoredrive.org). In addition, there is a link on the website to sign up for the newsletter. According to the newsletter circulated on October 9, the next community meeting that will provide updates on the Re-Define Lake Shore Drive Plan will occur in early 2024.

- 4) 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. However, due to the overwhelming amount of donations received at Alderman Lawson’s Office, at this time accepting donations is on hold. 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, December 11, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.
  - b) Next CAPS Meeting will be December 27, 2023.
- 3) MEETING ADJOURNMENT.**
  - a) The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jan Sumrall – President, SELVN