

NOTES & NEWS: A CLVN publication highlighting membership meetings and events



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Member Notices

1. Election of CLVN officers will be held at the March 12th meeting. A brief presentation will be made at the beginning of the meeting for contested offices. A brief bio/statement of the candidates for the contested offices will be provided with these minutes for membership review.
2. Come and hear about a new business at 2954 N. Sheffield-DMK Burger Bar. This will be the first presentation. They are requesting a liquor license.

**Membership Meetings held on the 2nd Thursday of each month (except August)
At Advocate Illinois Masonic Hospital on the 7th floor / Clarke Auditorium, 7:30p.m.**

NEXT MEETING March 12, 2009

The election of officers will be held at the March meeting along with the presentation of the budget and calendar of events for 2009. Come and hear the new plans for a new business-DMK Burger Bar at 2954 N. Sheffield and they will be requesting a liquor license.

Agenda for March 12, 2009

1. Presentation of Candidates
2. Election of Officers
3. Presentation by DMK Burger Bar of 2954 N. Sheffield (new business) for a liquor license
4. Approval of February Minutes
5. LVCC Report-Jackson/Sticher/Marsalek
6. Treasurer's Report-Tatro
7. CDDC Report-Poppy
8. Standing Committee Reports- By-Laws committee update
9. President's Report/Announcements
10. CTA update-Tatro
11. New Business
12. Old Business
13. Adjournment

Up-Coming Events

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| 2-22 | LVCC's Sponsored 5 th Congressional District Candidates Forum, 5-7 p.m. Inter-American School, 851 W. Waveland |
| 3-3 | Primary election for 5 th Congressional seat |
| 3-12 | CLVN meeting at 7:30 p.m. |

WHAT HAPPENED LAST MONTH

DRAFT MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 12th MEETING:

CLVN President, Diann Marsalek called the meeting to order at 7:34p.m. Officers in attendance: Terry Diamond-Vice-President, Laura Kotelman-Recording Secretary, Norb Tatro-Treasurer, Area Directors-Marie Poppy, Frank Nussbaum and Jeannie Sticher. Excused officers were James Bail-Corresponding Secretary, Jim Masini and Aaron Harkin-Area Directors. A quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Karen Gaus and seconded by Jackie Price to approve the December and January minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

LVCC Report: Marsalek reported that LVCC will sponsor a Candidates Forum for the 5th Congressional seat due to the resignation of Rahm Emanuel. The forum will be held on Sunday Feb. 22nd from 5-7 p.m. at Inter American School, 851 W. Waveland. All candidates have been invited to participate. Send your questions you want to ask the candidates to info@lakeviewcitizens.org by Feb. 20th. LVCC will also be writing a letter to the 2016 Olympic Committee to express concern over the proposal to build tennis court and a stadium near the bird sanctuary at Waveland and Lake Shore Drive. The letter will also ask for community involvement with the proposed venues in our area. Three anti-crime seminars for residents and businesses have been held so far and more are planned. Watch the LVCC website for further seminars.

Treasurer's Report: Tatro reported that \$2249 of dues were collected and deposited in the treasury. There is \$14,011 in the general fund. Approximate \$4000 of the \$14, 011 are restricted funds for the legal defense, beautification and accrual for dues paid for future years. The Weisman Park fund holds \$6656 and these funds will be transferred to the Weisman Park Advisory Council. (See Weisman Park report listed below for the reason for the transfer).

Alderman's Report: Marsalek introduced Max Bever and welcomed him to CLVN as the community liaison from Alderman Tunney's office. Bever's email is maxbever@gmail.com and his phone number is 309-310-1189. Bever will handle special events, recycling and the 2016 Olympics. Bever brought block party applications and indicated due to budget restraints the jumping jacks are no longer offered at block parties. The 2016 Committee wants to schedule community meetings which should occur in the next couple of months. Remember to remove items from your car to avoid thefts. Tickets for the Billy Joel and Elton John concert will be on sale for the neighbors and the general public. One night is schedule but there may be a second show added.

CDDC Report: Poppy reported from the November meeting. (There were no meetings in December and January due to lack of agenda items). In November, Advocate Illinois Masonic asked the CDDC for a letter of support for their planned development. The CDDC felt more information was needed before they could make a recommendation. The matter was tabled. The proposed plan development at Clark and Addison was also discussed and it is the view of the development council and the most impacted residents that the PD request is still too large especially due to the close proximity to Wrigley Field. One of the reasons the project keeps getting larger is the developer continues to acquire more lots and then continues to push the envelope for upzoning.

Announcements: Marsalek reported permits were issued on Clifton, Racine, Seminary and Sheffield to replace porches, replace a roof on Oakdale and to correct plumbing violations at 1000 Liquors on Belmont. Advocate Illinois Masonic Hospital is offering a free screening for women on Saturday Feb. 14th –call 1-800-323-8622 to register or to obtain more information. Wrigley concert tickets on sale on Saturday for the Billy Joel and Elton John concert at Wrigley Field on Tuesday July 21 and tickets go on sale to the public on Feb. 14th. Go to the Chicago Cubs website for more information.

Committee Reports:

Planning and Zoning: Poppy reported the committee met to discuss the Advocate Illinois Masonic planned development. The committee invited two new members to join the group. There is now a representative from Barry Avenue and the Barry Quad Condo Association. The committee requested Diamond provide a checklist of what is needed in planned development applications to the City. The committee felt this would make certain we did have all the facts and documents and assure the committee that the fairest recommendation would be made to the membership. The committee reviewed all documents and presentations that have been made available over the past several months. It was also important to the committee that residents were clear on what they were voting on. Voting on a PD is not a matter of picking and choosing elements of the plan. It includes each and every aspect of the proposal such as use, FAR, parking, setbacks, elevations, landscaping, etc. After much conversation and review the Committee realized there were gaps in the information of what was presented to the community versus what would be submitted. Most importantly there were too many unresolved community issues including parking, height, setbacks, noise etc. The committee felt at this point and for all these reasons they would not recommend approval. It was agreed that the hospital would be notified and seek that the hospital continue to talk with us to resolve open items prior to taking nay vote. Marsalek was to contact Larry Wrobel and notify him of the committee's pending recommendation. Marsalek did contact Wrobel and Advocate then decided to table the request to CLVN. There will be a vote at some time in the future as we get issued resolved and further details. CLVN however, did send a letter to Alderman Tunney outlining the community concerns and copied the hospital. No response has been received to date. Advocate filed the application for a planned development as planned the week of February 4th. Neighbors within 250 feet of the PD are now receiving notice. There will be a public meeting as part of the PD process. Neighbors are encouraged to respond to the notice for the PD and to continue to participate in future meetings.

Nominating: Marsalek thanked the members for their work on the committee. Gaus reported the recommendations of the Nominating Committee for the election of officers to be held on March 12th as follows: President: Diann Marsalek, Vice President: Terry Diamond, Corresponding Secretary: Christy Sinott, Recording Secretary: Laura Kotelman, Treasurer: Norb Tatro and Alan Zenoff, Area Directors: Jim Masini, Aaron Harkin, Frank Nussbaum, Jeannie Sticher, Marie Poppy and Joe Ravelingeen. Nominations will also be allowed from the floor. If you want to run for office contact Jackie Price at jackieprice62@yahoo.com or Karen Gaus at dandrews0@sbcglobal.net. Marsalek reported that only one office-Treasurer—has a contested race. Both candidates will provide a bio/goals for the office and it will be attached to the minutes. Also each candidate in a contested office will have the opportunity to make a brief statement prior to the vote and the ballots will be collected after the presentation.

Weisman Park Report: Poppy reported the progress of the Weisman Park Renovation Plans. Poppy reminded the group that about one year ago the Chicago Park District was considering implementing procedures the place stricter polices and procedures for park advisory councils. These considerations became City policy. The Weisman Park Advisory Council is now a stand alone organization with separate officers. All officers were required to fill out applications, be subject to a background check and reference checks were required before finger printing. Poppy will serve as the President, Matthew Shrake and Jeannie Sticher will serve on the Executive Committee of the Advisory Council as Vice-President and Treasurer respectively. Funds now sit with our new fiscal agent, the Parkways Foundation. The park district was very clear that they want to keep all funds related to park renovation clearly separate from other community organizations. An application was filed in December to both the Chicago Park District and the Parkways Foundation. The Parkways Foundation is the philanthropic arm of the Chicago Park District. Donations can now be made for the Weisman Park fund directly by going to the www.parkways.org (click on donate and then go to the Community Groups and enter Weisman Park. Checks can be mailed directly to the foundation. The Parkways Foundation will also assist the Council with identifying and applying for grants. Sticker and Leah Hays will work on grant applications and Marsalek is assisting Poppy with legislative donations. Poppy also announced the East Lakeview Chamber of Commerce Gift Card program will be relaunched in March for three months.

CTA Report: Tatro reported that the Brown Line Task Fore met in January. The exit on the north side of Diversey should open soon. The future use of the space is unclear and it may eventually contain a business.

The Wellington station renovations are moving along and set for a July 31st opening although there was some slow down due to weather. It was reported that the CTA may be able to extend the canopies for the length of eight cars at the Belmont and Fullerton stations which will be the only two stations with the extended canopies. There was a question about the sound dampeners and it was reported that they will eventually be installed at Belmont and Fullerton. The property on the north side of Belmont will eventually be sold as the CTA cannot hold property. Huberman did a good job while at the CTA and reduced the triple track work by one year.

By-Laws

The By-Laws Committee reported on the proposed amendments to the existing by-laws. Some changes are grammatical in nature. Substantive changes include the following: increases the permitted distribution of funds from the treasury from \$50 to \$100; the President will recommend committee chairs and a webmaster to the Executive Committee rather than appoint and remove; changed the ability to appoint representatives to organizations outside CLVN from the President to the Executive Committee in which the President is a member; the Parks and Green Space Committee will be called Beautification Committee; a new provision allowing for proxy voting; the number of Area Directors was reduced from six to four; the requirement restricting the office of President to only those members who have been an officer within the last two years will be changed to previously been an officer of CLVN and are a current Residential Member and adds a requirement that the Planning and Zoning Committee Chairs be Residential Members.

During the discussion, Poppy suggested adding a provision to Parks Committee that it is charged with protecting as well as improving parks in CLVN. There was discussion regarding adding a requirement that officers reside in CLVN and discussion about adding a provision that votes on zoning matters can not taken until the zoning application is filed with the City. There will be a 30 day comment period and CLVN plans to vote on the proposed changes at the April 9th meeting. Marsalek thanked the members who served on this committee. Comments or edits can be sent to Marsalek at marsalek@urbancom.net and to Jackie Lustig, Chair of the By-Laws Committee, at jackielustig@mindspring.com.

New Business: A concern with graffiti etched into freshly poured concrete was raised.

Old Business: Marsalek reported a couch was removed from the rear yard of a building at 1041 W. Wolfram in response to a complaint made at a prior meeting of a concern that rats were living in the couch. Poppy thanked Marsalek for getting the couch removed and indicated the building is a troubled building and the neighbors around the building are meeting and working with the police to discuss future action.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Terry Diamond to adjourn the meeting and the motion was seconded by Karen Gaus. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 9:00p.m.

CAPS REPORT 19th District - Beat 1932 (boundary - Diversey to Belmont between Lincoln & Clark): A complaint was raised of homeless individuals sleeping on the property of Sports Authority and using that property as a public washroom. The police records showed theft was down. An individual was arrested for possession of burglary tools on the 900 block of George. A concern was raised of children running in the street on Seminary to cars waiting for them when school ends at Agassiz. Additionally, traffic is blocked due to the cars double parking and the buses. The police came in response to the complaint and were ticketing cars. The police reminded us that with warm weather coming that crime may increase. Remember to lock your windows, door, cars, garages, have outdoor and porch lighting, remove items from parked cars and watch your surroundings. Some burglars ride bikes and carry the items they steal in backpacks so watch for this on your blocks. The next CAPS meeting will be held on April 9, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at Advocate Illinois Masonic Hospital, Clarke Auditorium, 7th Floor. The 19th District CAPS phone number is 312-744-5574.

Questions about your membership? Know neighbors that want to join? Go to www.clvn.org to download a copy of our membership form or contact Jeannie Sticher at beaglejs@aol.com