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

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Member Notices & Events

1. Oct. 31 Space Park on Roscoe for children and parade on Halsted at Belmont.
3. CAPS meetings are now held on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. and the CLVN meeting will be held on the second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m.
4. Dues for 2016 are proposed to be increased to $20 per person, $10 if you are a senior and $50 for a business. You can pay by check, cash or paypal.

****At Advocate Illinois Masonic Hospital-Olson Auditorium-1st Floor, 7:00 p.m.  
NEXT CAPS MEETING NOVEMBER 10, 2015 AT 6:30 P.M.  
NEXT CLVN MEETING NOVEMBER 10, 2015 AT 7:00 P.M.

Agenda for CLVN November 10, 2015 Meeting

1. Request for Barcocina, 2901 N. Sheffield, for an outdoor patio license for 2016.
   (Second presentation and this is a voting item)
2. President’s Report-Marsalek
3. Approval of Minutes—September 2015
4. Treasurer's Report-Kerr
5. Increase in Dues for 2016-Marsalek. This will be a voting matter
6. Annual Election of Officers
7. Committee Reports-Summer Party, Beautification, 
8. CDDC Report-Poppy/Diamond 
9. LVCC Report-Svendsen
10. Ald. Report
11. New Business
12. Old Business
13. Adjournment

WHAT HAPPENED LAST MONTH
MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 8, 2015 MEETING

CLVN President, Diann Marsalek, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Officers in attendance: Treasurer-Ross Kerr, Terry Diamond-Recording Secretary and Area Directors: Mike Canning, Jude Korol and Rob Svendsen. Excused officers were Jeannie Saliture-Vice President, Jason Osborn-Corresponding Secretary and Area Director-Joe Ravelinge. A quorum was present.

Presentation by Barcocina, 2901 N. Sheffield, for an outdoor patio license: Marsalek reminded the membership when we approved the outdoor café license for the business we reserved the issue of an outdoor patio license. The Alderman and the community wanted the business to operate for a year to see how the business performed. The business is now requesting the outdoor patio license for the parking lot area for 2016. This will be a first presentation with a second presentation and vote at the November 10, 2015 meeting. John Durkin, Mike Mastellone and Rick Douglas made the presentation. They hope the neighbors like what they did with the space. They are proposing an outdoor patio on the current parking lot with 21 tables which is 96 seats. They will have a fence, ornamental trees and make it look attractive like the other portion of the restaurant. They will install pavers and a nice surface on the ground. There will be no music outside. The proposed outdoor patio hours will be 4-11 p.m. during the week and 4p.m.- midnight on weekends. There will be a small service bar for the area in the rear by the alley.

President’s Report: The 2016 CAPS/CLVN schedule will be posted on the CLVN website. The next CAPS and CLVN meetings will be on November 10, 2015. The election of 2016 officers will occur at the November 10th meeting. We have three individuals running for office-Charley Wilcox, Sharon Williams and Mary Anderson. We have 2 Area Director and the Corresponding Secretary offices open. We had very successful movie nights and the feedback was individuals liked having the movie on a Friday night. We also made money at each movie in donations. Lakeview East Chamber of Commerce (LVECC) is sponsoring a Festival of the Arts Sept. 12 and 13, 2015 on Broadway. Marsalek attended a post pride parade meeting. Other community groups along with CLVN provided their response to the parade. The community groups felt the parade has outgrown the neighborhood. The police did a great job and the private security helped their efforts. However, the crowd was pushed west toward Belmont and Sheffield which creates
problems for that area. Also the 46th Ward had problems with shootings at the parade and Montrose Harbor was packed. The concern is after the parade when the crime occurs. Some businesses had to close as their patrons were not able to reach the businesses. The 2 business chambers in attendance –Halsted Merchants and LVGCC want the parade to stay but both want more security or the additional security to remain later than 8 p.m. CLVN is still waiting to hear from the landscaper on Agassiz tree box project. We now have paypal, a new and improved website and a new email address: centrallakeviewneighbors@gmail.com. CLVN now also has a facebook page. The CLVN Nominating Committee will be co-chaired by Karen Gaus and Jackie Price. If you would like to serve as an officer please contact them at jackieprice62@yahoo.com. The election as per our By-Laws will be held at the November 10th meeting and names of those running for office will be announced at the November meeting. We are looking for 2 area directors and a corresponding secretary. We also need a second LVCC representative. We will be holding a Wine Tasting at Mattiella's on October 25, 2015 from 2-5 p.m. Marsalek attended a meeting with Alderman Tunney, South East Lake View Neighbors (SELVN) and LVGCC. Alderman Tunney is reviewing the zoning on Halsted from Wellington to Diversey. Marsalek asked Bennett Lawson from Alderman Tunney's office to provide more information. After Med Mar's request to establish a medical marijuana dispensary on Halsted, Ald. Tunney was asked to review the zoning on Halsted by residents. The City looked at the current zoning of B3-2 on Halsted. CLVN has approved first floor residential uses for newer developments on the west of Halsted and prefers residential. SELVN prefers commercial over residential on the first floor on the east side of Halsted. A conversation has been started. There would need to be future meetings with both community groups and the business chambers. Additionally, a public meeting would be held before any zoning changes would be made. The height, density, and bulk would all stay the same under future zoning changes but the types of businesses allowed would be more restrictive. Lawson will provide materials to Marsalek to post on the CLVN website.

The City's Department of Planning and Development (DPD) made the following recommendations to change the existing zoning of B3-2 which does not allow residential on the first floor without a special use to the following:

B3-2 to B2-2 (allows for first floor residential)
2843-2929 N. Halsted
2900-2936 N. Halsted
800-810 W. George

B3-2 to B1-2 (first floor commercial, but less intensive uses)
2814-2838 N. Halsted
2815-2841 N. Halsted
800-812 W. Wolfra

B3-2 to RM5 (all residential)
2950-58 N. Halsted
801-811 W. Wellington

RM5 (45'-47') is similar in height to B2-2 (45'-50') in height, bulk and density but requires greater setbacks. The RM5 zoning corresponds to the current residential uses at these addresses.

B2 allows residential uses on the first floor without a special use. B2 does not allow as a matter of right: shelter or boarding kennels, veterinary, body art (tattoo), day labor employment agencies, employment agencies, urban farms, communication service establishments, building material sales, general restaurant, tavern, outdoor patio at ground level or on a rooftop, entertainment and spectator sports with more than 149 seats, banquet or meeting halls, pawn shops, payday loan stores, liquor stores for packaged goods, fortune telling, cremating, motel/hotels, message establishments, coin operated laundromats, residential storage warehouses, amusement arcades, auto supply/accessory sales, motor vehicle repair shops, catering and shared kitchens, recycling facilities, medical cannabis cultivation and dispensaries. Some of these uses are permitted as a special use after a hearing at the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA).

Ald. Report: Lawson reported that the Alderman is still collecting feedback concerning the Pride Parade. There are 2 concerts at Wrigley—Sept. 11 Zac Brown and Sept. 15 ACDC. Also there have been robberies in the area. There is a push to have the SSA provide safety thru their budget. The police will be providing outdoor roll calls and late night walks. The police will meet with the bars to encourage patrons to walk together when leaving and watch their phones. A member asked when the decision would be made on the location of the pride parade. The decision will be made by the Mayor, Ald. Tunney and other Alderman sooner than later due to the amount of planning for the parade. The planning will include input from City officials, community groups, business chambers, police, fire, OEMC and the Mayor's office. Concerns were mentioned post parade with resources for clean-up, police and CTA. A member also raised concerns that some streets are not cleaned and the burden falls on the neighbors to clean up after the parade. Another member mentioned Friends of the Parks had issues with the park closer to Diversey as well as Montrose. The police will meet with the bars to encourage patrons to walk together when leaving and watch their phones.

Treasurer's Report: Kerr reported a balance of $10,048.57 in the accounts. A bulk of the expense was for the improved website cost. We are looking to control costs and greater revenue for next year. We may increase dues to keep up with some of the expenses for our programs and events.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Karen Gaus to approve the July 2015 minutes and seconded by Jackie Price and Rob Svendsen. The motion passed unanimously.

CDDC Report: Marsalek presented a report submitted by Poppy and Diamond also reported. Diamond attended the July 22, 2015 CDDC meeting where Bennett Lawson gave CDDC members a refresher course in zoning including the new Transit Oriented Development Ordinance (TOD) which encourages denser and greater housing and commercial development close to existing transit stops as a better alternative to automobile use and traffic congestion. There is a movement to expand the boundaries for TODs along major arterial and pedestrian streets and to encourage individuals to bike, walk and use public transportation by reducing the parking requirements and increasing the density, height and size of developments within 600 feet of a CTA or Metra rail station on a commercial street and within 1200 feet on a pedestrian street. The new TOD ordinance may spur new developments along Diversey and especially
Belmont, because Belmont from Halsted to Racine is a pedestrian street. The next CDDC meeting will be on September 30, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at Ann Sathers.

Planning & Zoning Committee Report: Marsalek reported we received the recorded restrictive covenant for 3037 N. Sheffield.

CLMA report: No report

LVCC Report: Svendsen reported LVCC is updating their website and is looking for an individual from each branch to provide info/items to LVCC to post on their website. There was much discussion before Svendsen had to leave the LVCC meeting. He had no update for the status of Lincoln, Southport and Wellington.

Old Business: The City Council approved naming the 1000 block of George as John Riegler Way. We hope he is feeling better. Riegler is 93 years old and our oldest CLVN member. We hope to have a street dedication ceremony in October and maybe a reception. Watch for more details.

New Business: Marsalek announced that Erin Duffy of Alderman Tunney’s office took another position in the private sector. Marsalek thanked her for her work, being responsive and help she provided to CLVN. Lawson announced the Alderman is hiring for that position if anyone wants to apply. Marsalek introduced Dr. Goldberg and thanked him and Pat Graham for their work they are doing to combat rats on Diversey. There was a discussion about the effectiveness of feral cats in combating the rat problem. Several members asked that a representative from Tree House attend the next meeting or provide information about the feral cat program. They also noted that you can help combat the rat problem by depositing pet waste and garbage in closed garbage cans with secured lids and allowing the City to enter backyards to install rat and bait traps.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Sharon Williams and seconded by Karen Gaus and Jim Mazzolini to adjourn the meeting. The Motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

CAPS REPORT 19th District - Beat 1933 (boundary - Belmont to Diversey between Lincoln to Halsted): The 19th District’s Commander is Robert Cesario and his contact information is robert.cesario@chicagopolice.org. A review of the top 10 crimes was presented. Robberies are up and we have had 7 robberies in the last 30 days on our beat. A robbery occurred in an uber car and there was a retail theft on Clark at a business where the perpetrator pulled out a knife. Most robberies are occurring around 2:00-3:00 a.m. Most victims are leaving bars. In our beat over the last 30 days there were 0 homicides, 1 criminal sexual assault, 7 robberies, 2 batteries and 5 burglaries. The burglaries are occurring when individuals are not locking their garages. Remember to also lock your cars in garages and do not leave purses or wallets unattended in cars. Keep porch lights on all night long to light up streets. If you see individuals sitting in cars that look suspicious call 911. The police are blasting community alerts to community groups and business chambers. They are asking individuals to post the safety handouts in their buildings and pass out to neighbors. The police will be meeting with the bars to go over patron security especially when leaving. You can call 312-744-0064 to have a home security review done. There will be training for court advocates on Sept. 17, 2015 at 7p.m. at the 19th District, 850 W. Addison. Also there will be a senior citizen anti scam seminar on Sept. 17, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. at the District, 850 W. Addison. The police will be conducting outdoor roll calls. On Sept. 15 at 9:00 a.m. a roll call will take place at Belmont and Sheffield. The CTA is still providing canine coverage to the Belmont El mostly on weekends. Bennet from Alderman Tunney’s office will follow up on the schedule. The Chicago Cubs are in the playoffs and hopefully the World Series. When this happens expect traffic congestion and street closures. The police also may provide a burglary prevention seminar. The next meeting will be held on November 10, 2015 in the Olson Auditorium (first floor), Advocate Illinois Masonic Hospital, 836 W. Wellington. Sign up for CLEARpath at www.chicagopolice.org to find the latest news and communicate with the police. Also you can text the police and receive cash rewards for tips on crime see www.chicagopolice.org/txt2tip. The 19th District CAPS phone number is 312-744-0064.

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 Diann Marsalek at centrallakeviewneighbors@gmail.com.

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