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

Member Notices

1. Plan to attend the CLVN Summer Outdoor Movies at dusk at Hawthorne School. July 19 Big Hero 6 and August 16 Mary Poppins.
2. Save the date of September 12, 2015 for the CLVN Community Party.
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 2015 are now due. Dues are $10 per person, $5 if you are a senior and $40 for a business.

**** At Advocate Illinois Masonic Hospital - Olson Auditorium - 1st Floor, 7:00 p.m.

NEXT MEETING JULY 14, 2015

Agenda for July 14, 2015
1. Presentation by 7/11 for liquor license at 947 W. Wellington.
2. Presentation by Chicago Cubs
3. Presentation by Elevate Energy
4. President’s Report - Marsalek
5. Approval of Minutes – May
6. Treasurer’s Report - Kerr
7. Committee Reports - Summer Party, Beautification, Executive Board
8. CDDC Report - Poppy/Diamond
9. LVCC Report - Korol/Svendsen
10. Ald. Report
11. New Business
12. Old Business
13. Adjournment

Up-Coming Events

7/14/15 CAPS meeting 6:30 p.m.; CLVN meeting 7 p.m.
7/19/15 Outdoor movie at dusk at Hawthorne School, Seminary & Clifton, Big Hero 6

WHAT HAPPENED LAST MONTH

MINUTES FROM MAY 12, 2015 MEETING

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

Presentation by Enterprise: Matthew Thomas, District Manager introduced the Regional Risk Supervisor, Jennifer Penza and the store manager Deena AbuJabir. Thomas presented the changes the store has made to address the neighbors’ concerns with water overflow and run-off issues. The cabinets that were located in the wash bays have been removed to open more space for car washing. The water is now flowing in the drain in the stall and not being puddled outside the stall. Cars were hosed down in the parking area which also left water in the area. This practice has been stopped. The cars now must be dry before they leave the lot. The sidewalks were repaired to also address water run off issues.
Enterprise is renting 6 parking spots under the el tracks. Also they will be renting 10 parking spots at the garage at Belmont and Sheffield. Passenger vans are no longer available at this location due to limited space available.

Enterprise has added greenery in the form of hanging baskets and planters. Unfortunately individuals have damaged or vandalized the greenery so they will keep working to address this issue. They will have new flowers coming in a few days. They also provide grants and are working with the Friends of Agassiz and Friends of the Parks for their grants which are about $5000.00. They have donated to the Agassiz School Auction and have held food drives to benefit a food pantry on Damen. 70% of their business comes from the Lake View Neighborhood. They are looking at a second location but that will depend on the amount of rent at another location. Marsalek thanked Thomas for his quick responses and willingness to cooperate with us. A neighbor asked if they would give neighbor car washes and they indicated for liability reasons they would not be able to do this. They will be able to offer neighbor discounts and Thomas will get the information to Marsalek. A neighbor asked if cars leaving or returning not block the sidewalk and Thomas will make sure this happens. Thomas thanked us for the opportunity to come to the meeting and make his presentation.

Second presentation to zone 3037 N. Sheffield from B3-2 to B2-2: Sara Barnes (lawyer) and Bill Kokalias (architect) made a second presentation to explain why the owner of 3037 N. Sheffield (Property) is seeking to rezone it from B3-2 to B2-2. The owner could have sought a special use variance but is to seeking to rezone the Property from B3-2 to B2-2 which allows for residential and/or commercial use on the ground floor. All other zoning criteria (height, size, required setbacks and parking) remain the same. The owner will file a Type 1 zoning application which requires the new building to comply with plans submitted by the owner and approved by the City Council.

Kokalias stated the Property is improved with a 3 unit building and a coach house with no parking. The 2 buildings will be replaced by one new building decreasing the number of units from 4 to 3 units. The new 3 unit masonry building will be 4 stories, 22 feet wide and 83 1/2 feet deep, totaling approximately 6,760 SF. Each unit will have one parking garage space and trash container space. The total finished building height will be 44’11” as measured under the Chicago Zoning Code. The building may have a communal deck at the roof of the building. The roof deck will not be used for commercial or business purposes.

Diamond reported that the matter had been referred to the CLVN Planning and Zoning Committee which required minor modifications to the plans and a Restrictive Covenant to be recorded against the Property prior to the rezoning to assure that the owner builds what he represented. Diamond also reported that she had contacted the owner to the south of the Property. The owner to south objected to the rezoning and was told to attend the CLVN meeting. The owner to the south of the property but did not appear at the meeting. Sara Barnes represented that she had contacted the owner to the north and they did not object to the B3-2 to B2-2 rezoning. The owner of the Property will sign the restrictive covenant requiring it to be developed in accordance with the plans approved by the CLVN and would rezone Property back to B3-2 after the Certificate of Occupancies were issued.

The ballot to approve the B3-2 to B2-2 rezoning was passed out. Alderman Tunney asked that the ballot be modified to eliminate the requirement that the owner rezone the Property back to B3-2 after the Certificates of Occupancy were issued. The Alderman indicated B2-2 or a residential zoning classification may be preferable for this site. The ballot was amended and the vote was 24 for versus 0 against. The owner and the President of CLVN signed the Restrictive Covenant which is to be recorded before the zoning for the Property is heard by City Council.

Introductions: Marsalek introduced Heather Way Kitzes of the Chicago Cubs. She is the new Manager of Government Relations and was previously the Executive Director for the Lakeview Chamber of Commerce. They are addressing sound issues and she will come to a future meeting. Contact her at neighbors@cubs.com, Daniel Eagle-Weiss was introduced. He is the new legislative aide for Representative Feigenholtz.

Presentation by new business: Healthy Results Chicago Spine and Sports- member at 922 W. Diversey: Robyn Becker made a presentation. This business offers chiropractic care and small group fitness classes. Flyers with class information and rates were distributed. They also contributed a raffle prize to the CLVN Wine Tasting and look forward to being active in the neighborhood.

Presentation of Bar Cocina of 2901 N. Sheffield for a patio café license: Rick Douglas made a presentation to request the outdoor sidewalk café license. They hope to open this Thursday with a soft opening and a larger opening in the future as the grand opening. They are requesting an outdoor sidewalk café license on Sheffield with 27 seats. The hours will be M-F 4-10 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m.-10 p.m. The café would close by 9:45 p.m. They will be using valet parking at the parking lot across the street from the business. They will return to CLVN for an annual review. A motion was made by Jeanne Saliture to support the request for the outdoor café license and seconded by Karen Gaus. The motion passed unanimously.

Presentation by Alderman Tom Tunney and Mike Restivo, 44th Ward Street and Sanitation Ward Superintendent: Ald. Tunney indicated that CLVN has been quiet with development compared to other areas. Wrigley is a work in progress and Addison Park may start work in October. Advocate and Presence St. Joseph are close to being completed. Tunney was very pleased with the Barry façade and landscaping. He thanked the neighbors for their work with the hospital on this project. He is also happy with the look of Nelson Street. The park on School will be opening soon. Whole Foods is coming to Lincoln, Belmont and Ashland. There were three plans presented. Residents on Melrose have traffic concerns. The store wants traffic to exit onto Belmont and Melrose with two exits. St. Luke’s Church has concerns. Whole Foods will have further meetings with the community. There will be an 8 story development over the former Walgreens at Diversey and Broadway with 50 units over commercial on the ground floor. Stan’s Donuts is coming to Clark and Diversey. Michael Diversey will now be a chicken restaurant and the Panera development over the former Walgreens at Diversey and Broadway with 50 units over commercial on the ground floor. St. Luke’s Church has concerns. Whole Foods will have further meetings with the community. There will be an 8 story development over the former Walgreens at Diversey and Broadway with 50 units over commercial on the ground floor. Stan’s Donuts is coming to Clark and Diversey. Michael Diversey will now be a chicken restaurant and the Panera space on Diversey will be restored. Mariano’s at 3033 N. Broadway is under construction.

The streets were cleaned. Tunney is very happy with Bob Zumo who works hard to keep our streets looking good and encouraged letters be sent to the City on his behalf for the job he does. Agassiz is improving. The façade at Matilda’s was changed briefly for a movie. There will be water main work on Diversey from Sheffield to Racine. Sougata Deb
was at the meeting and he addresses the potholes and infrastructure projects in the ward. A concern was raised about 1034-1036 W. Wellington and the condition of the building after the siding was removed. There are no building permits for the property. An inspector is being sent to the building. The neighbor to the west of the building was concerned on the state of the debris after the siding was removed. Tunney will address this. Tunney is addressing the issue of the ambulances being stuck in traffic on Wellington during the Pride Parade. If the parade does not improve the quality of life issues this year than the parade will be moved downtown next year. The parade may have outgrown the area. There will be police in the area to help with the parade. Tunney asked his 4:00 a.m. liquor stores/bars to close at 2:00 a.m. on the night/morning of the Pride Parade. Dunkin Donuts will close at the end of June at Belmont and Clark when that construction project starts. Tunney will review the parking petitions submitted by CLVN to change the parking hours.

Mike Restivo talked about all the construction projects and how this affects the rat situation. Rats are scavengers so they look for trash and dog waste to eat. The 44th Ward has the most dog licenses issued by the City of Chicago. Please put your trash in cans and make sure the cans are closed. They also look for restaurants and businesses to make sure their cans/dumpsters are closed. Feeding the cats, rabbits and birds also helps rats find food. Some residents are using feral cats to attack the rats. A complaint was raised on the 1100 block of Barry with the amount of rats and rat holes. Also cut high weeds and do not stack items in yards as these are places for rats to fester. The grid system in the 44th Ward allows for 4 trucks every day to be in the ward as opposed to 12 trucks once a week. Monday is garbage pick-up and recycling is picked up every other week. The City has no money which is challenging to provide new garbage cans and other services.

Marsalek thanked Tunney and Restivo for their service on behalf of CLVN.

Presentation by Advocate Illinois Masonic: Deferred.

Presentation for 947 W. Wellington: Deferred.

President's Report: The 2015 CAPS/CLVN schedule is July 14, Sept. 8 and Nov. 10. Thanks to the volunteers who helped clean up our neighborhood on April 18, 2015 and to Vaughan’s for providing lunch for the volunteers. Thanks to Kirkwood for hosting the CLVN Wine Tasting and all who attended. Thanks to all who purchased flowers /plants from the CLVN Flower Sale and to the volunteers-Karen Gaus, the Price's and the Kerr family. Thanks to Agassiz for letting us store our materials at the school. Thanks to all the neighbors who have participated in the corner planting and mulching especially Terry Meyers. We will be planting and mulching our corners to make them look nice. The summer movie dates are June 19 (Friday) Paddington, July 18 (Saturday) –Big Hero 6 and August 16 (Sunday) Mary Poppins. We are trying the movies on different nights to see how they will be received and due to the schedule of Hawthorne School. The budget for the website will be deferred to the next meeting. Music fest volunteers are needed for Saturday May 23 and May 24, 2015 from 4-7 p.m. at the CLMA Beer Tent. All tips made by CLVN are given to CLVN. Every year CLVN makes a donation to the Lake View Food Pantry and this is a budgeted item. This item will be deferred to the next meeting. A women’s health fair will be held on June 13, 2015 from 10a.m.-1p.m. at 3333 N. Marshallfield. Marsalek contacted South Lakeview Neighbors about the street scape at Wellington, Lincoln and Southport as she received several complaints about the safety of the corners. SLN had a meeting on the same night at the CLVN meeting and Marsalek will report the results of the meeting on this issue.

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

Treasurer’s Report: Kerr reported the CLVN accounts hold $10,974.000. Funds were spent on the community party which depleted some of our funds. CLVN Executive Board will decide the price of the community party and ways to increase revenue.

CDDC Report: Poppy submitted a written report in her absence which was read by Marsalek. The March meeting had two agenda items. A new transit-oriented development is being proposed for the Southport community at 3401 N. Southport at the corner of Southport and Roscoe. This is a PD and will have a 50 foot height consisting of mixed use with retail on the ground floor, 24 one bedroom apartments and 6 two bedroom apartments. The project was generally well received by the community representatives. Feedback to the developer was to improve the retail space facing Southport to enliven the street area, redesign the corner structure with fewer floor to ceiling glass windows you can see directly into the units and may become unsightly and consider picking up some of the design attributes from neighboring building. Further meetings will be held with Southport Neighbors to review updated plans. The second topic involved the Chicago Cubs. The Cubs have made adjustments to their plans at the direction of the City of Chicago for their office building and the plaza. The proposed bridge from the hotel to the office building over Clark Street has been removed from the project. The clock tower has been repositioned. The six sided jumbo screens in the plaza have now been reduced to one large screen. There have been other modifications made to the façade of the building. Plans can be viewed on the Chicago Cubs or the 44th Ward websites. The next CDDC meeting will be held on May 27, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at Ann Sathers.

Planning & Zoning Committee Report: Marsalek reported no other activity other than 3037 N. Sheffield.

CLMA report: Deferred

LVCC Report: Korol reported a meeting was held on April 2, 2015 which also included the newly elected Board members. They had to call individuals to have a quorum. This has become a very dysfunctional group. Most of the meetings only address Wrigley issues. The meetings are the first Thursday of the month.

Old Business: Marsalek indicated the petitions to change the parking zone hours were presented to Alderman Tunney’s office.
New Business: Salitute brought up the Agassiz Wine Tasting on May 18, 2015 form 6:30-9:30 p.m. at Rose Angelis on Wrightwood and the Agassiz School online auction. She urged members to support both events. Diamond brought up the CLVN Community Party on Sept. 12, 2015 held on the 1000 block of George. This party will always be the Saturday after Labor Day. A committee will be formed to seek volunteers to help plan the event and work on the event. The goal was to get Agassiz School more involved with the party. We have a good flow of communication with Mark Brummel of Friends of Agassiz. Diamond encouraged members to attend the party as it is a fun event.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Jackie Price and seconded by Karen Gaus to adjourn the meeting. The Motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

CAPS REPORT 19th District - Beat 1933 (boundary - Belmont to Diversey between Lincoln to Halsted): The 19th District got a new Commander in April-Commander Robert Cesario his contact information is robert.cesario@chicagopolice.org. There will be a reception for the new Commander on May 28, 2015 at 6 p.m. at the 19th District, 850 W. Addison. Our beat is 1933 which meets at 6:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month. The issue of the basketball playing at Agassiz has been quiet due to the weather. The Principal of Agassiz is addressing parking concerns and drop offs by the parents. In our area thefts are still a concern. A question was raised if there was an attack at Wolfram and Seminary. The police did not know about this and will check their records. It appears that a break in occurred in the building at 3145 N. Sheffield without force. Questions were raised about the resources being sent for the Pride Parade. The police are requesting individuals to register their bikes on line. A new sticker can be obtained at the station which indicates your bike was register with the police as a deterrent for theft. Your serial number for your bike is located on the bottom of your bike. No trespass signs have been posted by the VIC building and have made a difference. The next meeting will be held on July 14, 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 Marsalek722@gmail.com.