

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

 <p>Visit our web site at www.clvn.org</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Member Notices</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Sept. 6 - CLVN Picnic on the 1000 block of George. \$5 includes food, refreshments, live music (band), face painter, magician, balloon twister and bounce house. 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 7p.m.

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

NEXT MEETING SEPTEMBER 9, 2014

Agenda for September 9, 2014
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. President's Report-Marsalek 2. Nominating Committee Report-Zenoff 3. Approval of Minutes –July 4. Treasurer's Report-Zenoff 5. LVCC Report-Saliture/Patzner 6. CLVN Planning and Zoning Report 7. Ald. Report 8. CDDC Report-Poppy 9. New Business 10. Old Business 11. Adjournment

Up-Coming Events

9/6/14 CLVN Picnic on the 1000 Block of George \$5 noon -9p.m. food and refreshments

WHAT HAPPENED LAST MONTH

MINUTES FROM JULY 8, 2014 MEETING

CLVN President, Diann Marsalek, called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. Officers in attendance: Jeannie Saliture-Vice President, Alan Zenoff-Treasurer and Area Directors: Karen Gaus, Terry Diamond and Mike Canning. Excused officers were Jason Osborn-Corresponding Secretary and Joe Ravelingeen-Area Director. A quorum was present.

Presentation by Ald. Tunney: Ald. Tunney apologized for not attending the last CLVN meeting. He also indicated his staff works hard. His role is to work with the community and various city agencies to address issues and provide services. Many awards and favorable mentions have been given to Lake View. We were listed by CNN and Forbes as a great neighborhood due to diversity. There is definitely not enough revenue in the City budget. We do have a good Commander and CAPS force work hard on crime issues. There is not a lot of money for services but the Alderman will continue to focus on safety and sanitation issues. Alderman Tunney is committed to being our voice and to represent the ward. Tunney will continue to work on Belmont to make it a great street. The parade route is being considered as to whether to stay in the neighborhood or be relocated. If the parade stays we get police and sanitation. If it moves we may lose those services. There are still issues with safety for the parade. This year the streets were opened up by 7:30 p.m. The police did a great job and the horses along Belmont helped to control the crowd. There has been some development in CLVN. The former Sapano's site is moving forward and waiting for permits to be approved. There is no pending sale with the hospital property at Wellington and Sheffield. The development of the former Anderson Moving on Sheffield is also waiting for permits. There is work being done on infrastructure for water mains on George, Oakdale, Barry, Diversey, Seminary and Mildred. Tunney is aware of the traffic signals at Wellington and Sheffield. It would cost \$300,000.00 to upgrade the traffic signals on the corner. Tunney gets 1.2 million for infrastructure projects which include curbs, gutters, streets, alleys and lighting. It cost about \$100,000.00 per street to put in new street

lighting. A member asked about the sewage problem on the 3100 N. block of Seminary due to the recent rain. A resident on the 800/900 block of Barry indicated that their sewage problems were much better now that there was sewage and water work done on the blocks. Another item to address was the rodent issue on the 3100 block of N. Seminary. Tickets have been issued to the businesses on Belmont to maintain their garbage. Tunney is reviewing requests to replace sidewalks on Diversey. Sheffield is an arterial street and not covered by the Alderman's menu money. Tunney will look at the issue of tour buses parked by the VIC. Tunney thanked CLVN for planting at Oakdale and Halsted. Tunney will look at the delivery spot for Oberweiss on Barry. Tunney is happy to have a permanent business-Oberweiss-in the spot at Barry and Sheffield. Supt. McCarthy has the strategy to put new recruits in high crime areas as opposed to placing them in low crime areas when they are new on the job. Ald, Tunney will run again for Alderman. Agassiz is now a feeder to Lincoln Park High School. The school is looking for a community representative. The school's enrollment is 450 students. The astro turf is coming to the school on the Wolfram side. Lake View High School is improving. School Street Playlot is moving forward thanks to the donation from the Cubs. Tunney would like to see Martin Playlot on Fletcher improved.

President's Report: The 2014 CAPS schedule is on the CLVN website and future meeting dates are August 12, Sept. 9, Oct. 14, and Dec. 9 at 6:30 p.m. in the Olson Auditorium. The CLVN Wine Tasting was very successful. Thanks to all who attended and purchased raffle tickets. Also thanks to Kirkwood for hosting the event. The next summer movies will be July 13-Lorax and August 10-Nut Job shown at dusk at Hawthorne School with free snacks. The movies are presented by CLVN, Hawthorne Neighbors, Ald. Tunney and Central Lake View Merchants Association. We had about 200-250 show up for Frozen. Billy Joel will be performing at Wrigley on July 18 and Blake Shelton (July 19). The CLVN Party will be held on Saturday September 6, 2014 on the 1000 block of George-more info to come. Please keep drains at the corners free of debris so rainwater has somewhere to drain. There is a meeting on July 10 at 7:30 p.m. at Sheil Park to discuss the new park on School Street. The CLVN executive board will meet on July 21, 2014. The election for officers will occur at the November 11th meeting. The CLVN By-Laws provide that a nominating committee should be formed and they will make a recommendation to the membership at the September 9th meeting. Marsalek recommended the Nominating Committee be chaired by Alan Zenoff with members-Karen Gaus, Jackie Price, Terry Diamond and Rob Svendsen. A motion was made by Jeannie Saliture to approve the recommendation for the committee and seconded by Mike Canning. The motion passed with Poppy abstaining.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Terry Diamond and seconded by Jackie Price to approve the minutes for May. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Zenoff reported there is \$13,806.52 in the bank accounts. We made a profit of \$816 so far from the wine tasting and \$800 from the flower sale. The expense was \$890 for the movie banners. Marsalek indicated that the banner was stolen from Kenmore Playlot. This is the second year this has happened and she will likely not place a banner there again as they are costly.

Planning & Zoning Committee Report: Poppy reported:

1037 OAKDALE / FOLLOW UP

Since it was not reflected in May's minutes I want the membership to understand why a zoning request was no longer necessary at 1037 Oakdale. The homeowners believed they needed a zoning change from RS3 to RT4.5 to do a renovation on their home. The existing structures was built during the time the area was zoned RT4. Our community has seen many buildings of this nature (2 flat structures) renovated within the past 15 years with similar scope of work and no zoning change was required. The committee really questioned the homeowner's need for such a big zoning jump. We asked the homeowners to see a copy of their denial letter from the City. This is what usually triggers a zoning change request. They had no letter and were reacting to an informal discussion they had with a City official who reacted by saying "you will never get this passed I think you need a zoning change". We had a copy of the denial letter on 936 George to review their zoning request and we needed the same from Oakdale neighbors.

The homeowners met with the City to review their plans thinking the worst would happen...but instead it came out all for the better. After a formal meeting and review with the City it was found it was NOT necessary for a zoning change. All they needed was a 15% variance. This could be accomplished by seeking support of the neighbors within 250 ft of their parcel. Missing the step of not applying for permits first and working only off an informal directive is what triggered what would have been an expensive process for these homeowners. The Committee wants the community to understand how we evaluate matters that come before us. We work to execute upon the master development plan that was structured with community input and to build the neighborhood that is a desire of the community.

Advocate IMMC Violations to the Community Agreement

When the directive came from the Alderman that he supported the ER entrance and the active dock area to remain on Wellington, the hospital agreed to clean up their operations on this busy street. This included; reducing the size of trucks at the dock, having closed trash containers, monitoring the area to make sure medical waste was not on the street or in people's yards, moving idling ambulances west of the main entrance and away from residents home, no late night dock operations, no employee smokers in front of homes of residents, better security and many other commitments. A community protection agreement has been in place since Nov 6, 2012 to assure this happened. Since that time AIMMC has fallen short in many areas.

I took a quick count of CLVN communications to AIMMC for corrective action. There have been at least 19 e-mails on employees smoking in front of residential homes; 18 e-mails regarding ambulances not moving to the allotted staging area, 35 emails on medical trash in streets and in people yards, 5 relating to open dumpsters resulting in trash blowing in the neighborhood, 5 on late night truck dock operations. In addition to these frequent reminders with photos and videos... several letters have been sent by CLVN to Senior Management. Due to a death in my family I could not attend so, Diann met with the hospital on May 25th to discuss all of this. Since her meeting we have had 5 more incidences in all categories. When improvements come, it is due to reacting to an issue. They can't maintain it. After two years AIMMC should be in full compliance. While a follow up meeting is planned for August/ Sept. The question to the membership and the Executive Committee is what course of action is next?

CLMA report: Isacson reported our area has 20 bird statutes. July is bike month and they are giving away bike items.

There are 71 individuals attending the free trip to the Art Institute. Tickets were given out to the Laugh Factory.

CDDC Report: Poppy reported there was no meeting and the next meeting is in September.

LVCC Report: Saliture reported the next meeting is Thursday.

Ald. Tunney: Duffy reported all items were covered by Ald. Tunney.

Old Business: Marsalek indicated the petitions to change the parking zone hours are being circulated and we will get the petitions back in the fall. The petitions are also available at the cleaned in the USA Cleaners on Wellington. Marsalek stated that Laura Kotelman resigned as the recording secretary as she moved from the area. An email was sent to the membership to seek a volunteer and the information was included in the CLVN minutes. Rick Cummings has offered to serve in her position. The CLVN By-Laws provide if a vacancy of an office occurs that a special election must be held. A motion was made by Terry Diamond to approve Rick Cummings as the Recording Secretary and seconded by Jackie Price. The motion passed with Poppy voting against and Jim Bail abstaining.

New Business: A question was raised as to what would need to be done to have speed bumps on Seminary. Marsalek indicated that petitions are available at the Alderman's office and would need to be signed by the residents of that block.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Terry Diamond and seconded by Jackie Price 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 Commander's contact information is elias.voulgaris@chicagopolice.org. Our beat is 1933 which meets at 6:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month and the meeting dates are August 12, Sept. 9, Oct. 14 and Dec. 9 in the Olson Auditorium (first floor), Advocate Illinois Masonic Hospital, 836 W. Wellington. There were 8 robberies in which 5 were strong armed and one aggravated battery (shooting on Sheffield). We had 7 burglaries in which 4 were forced which is a break in (mostly ground floor or first floor) and 3 were unlawful as places were open. Remember to register your bikes via clearpath or on line at the Chicago police website. Please provide the serial number from the bike, color and make/model. Thefts last year were 40 and this year 38. Aggravated battery is 6 this year and 7 last year. Robberies were 28 last year and 14 this year. Burglaries were 33 last year and 25 this year. The overall index crime is 62 which was the same as last year. An arrest was made due to the assistance of the security force of Advocate at Barry and Clark. An individual stole a purse from a cab driver and Advocate security apprehended the perpetrator until the police arrived. Many of the crimes are being committed in the early morning. At Belmont and Sheffield the police are watching drug sales, prostitution and gang bangers. If you see suspicious individuals or groups who block the sidewalks call 911. The police can not arrest for loitering but can arrest for obstruction or disorderly conduct. Police are looking for a male 18-24 that is 5"11 to 6"4 with dreadlocks as a cause of crime on Belmont and Sheffield. If you see suspicious activity take photos. There were a lot of staff at Belmont and Sheffield for the Pride Parade and post parade. The CTA has great cameras and the detectives are viewing the tapes. Marsalek indicated when the dog was on the platform that there were less problems on Belmont and we should ask Ald. Tunney to help get the patrols on the CTA with the dogs back for the weekends. Questions were raised about the hours for 1000 liquors. A process is available to residents to circulate petitions to place the issue on the ballot to make a precinct dry. The individuals at Belmont and Sheffield generally are too old for curfew laws to apply. The entertainment team is working at Belmont and Sheffield. If you call 911 try to give as much information as possible to identify the individuals or cars. The police will need someone to sign a complaint. Sometimes the victims do not want to cooperate with the police. National night Out is August 5th. In the warm weather lock doors and windows. Do not advertise your property by carrying your phones in public where they are visible. 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.

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