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

**Member Notices**

CLVN Dues for 2020 are now being accepted. Dues are $20 per person, $10 if you are a senior (60 years or older) and $50 for a business. You can pay by check, cash or paypal. Our new Treasurer is Jim Kink, 3020 N. Kenmore.

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

**NEXT MEETING JANUARY 14, 2020**

**Amended Agenda for Jan. 14, 2020**

1. Presentation 3123 N. Kenmore for zoning change from RS3 to RT3.5
2. Application for 2925 N. Sheffield Retail food service with incidental liquor
3. President’s Report-Marsalek
4. Approval of Minutes – Nov. 12, 2019
5. Treasurer’s Report-Kink
6. Committee Reports
7. CDDC Report-Poppy/Diamond
8. LVCC Report
9. Aldermanic Report
10. LVECC Report-Klees
11. Agassiz Report
12. New Business
13. Old Business
14. Adjournment

**Up-Coming Events**

12/19 CLVN Holiday Party – River on Sheffield

**WHAT HAPPENED LAST MONTH**

**MINUTES FROM Nov. 12, 2019 MEETING**

CLVN President, Diann Marsalek, called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m. as the CAPS meeting ran over into our meeting time. Officers in attendance: Area Directors-Dorothy Klees, Dorothy Mroski and Charley Wilcox. Excused officers were Terry Diamond-Vice President Ross Kerr-Treasurer, Mary Anderson-Corresponding and Area Director Sharon Williams. A quorum was present.

**Presentation by Susan Nordstrom Lopez of Advocate Illinois Masonic Hospital:** Susan Nordstrom Lopez introduced Tim Tracey of Smithgroup (architect). The hospital presented slides of the amendment to subarea D of the Planned Development (PD) 50. The Hospital is seeking the support from CLVN to build a parking deck. The Hospital listened to the feedback from the neighbors to address the height of the building, landscape and building materials. IDOT has declined to approve a crosswalk at Nelson and Sheffield. They want individuals to walk to Wellington to Barry to cross in the designated crosswalks. Detail was given to limit the light protruding from the garage. The bottom areas of where cars park will be solid material and the rest perforated to filter air and light. Planters can be installed in the parkway on Sheffield. There was
discussion to move the bike rack form the corner of Wellington and Sheffield closer to the el, move in the building or place at another location. There was also discussion on how to improve the appearance of the building at Wellington and Sheffield to break up the brick by adding glass or some other material on the corner area. There was also discussion about adding landscape or greenery on the Wellington side. Marie Poppy presented on behalf of the CLVN Planning and Zoning Committee. She addressed the agreement for community parking offered by the hospital. The Committee also requested the Hospital and the alderman seek a no left turn form Nelson onto Sheffield or in other words a right turn only onto Sheffield at Nelson to reduce congestion on Sheffield. The hospital employs about 3000 employees and only about 800 live in the city. The vast majority of the employees drive to work from the Chicago land area and bordering states. The Hospital has agreed to educate employees about public transportation options.

The Committee is in full support of the plan based upon the height reduction to 74 feet, number of spaces limited to 408, proposed design and landscaping options. The Hospital has agreed not to convert any parking spaces into building space without amending PD 50 subarea D. Cars will exit onto Nelson and there will be a stop sign at Nelson and Sheffield. The Hospital will provide personnel at the garage to manage/direct traffic during 4-6 p.m. Community parking will be leased parking for $125.00 per month Monday-Thursday 5:30 p.m. to 8 a.m. and weekends 5:30 p.m. to 8 a.m... There will be 66 parking spaces and holidays will be included for the parking. Weekend parking from 5p.m. to 8 a.m. on Monday will offer 30 parking passes for $12.00 per day and you can purchase 3 passes for a weekend. The hospital will review this item after 2 years to monitor the utilization. Once the parking garage is opened at Sheffield and Wellington there will be 24 parking spaces for 24/7 with a lease of $200.00 per month of the space. This program will run 5 years and reevaluated. A vote was held and the results were 17 in favor, 0 against and no abstentions. Marsalek will send a letter of support to Alderman Tunney. The Hospital will appear before the Planning Commission on Nov. 21, 2019.

Second Presentation by 3141 N. Sheffield to Amend the Type 1 Zoning: One of the lawyers for the property came and they will be presenting a signed agreement with the community. They have completed the requested items we asked them to work on. One area still needs to be painted when the weather permits. This item will be closed upon execution of the signed agreement.

President’s Report: The Community Policing and CLVN meetings for 2020 will be Jan. 14, March 10, May 12, July 14, Sept. 8 and Nov. 10. Marsalek reminded members that CLVN dues for 2020 will be due on January 1, 2020 and are now being accepted. You can pay on paypal or send to our Treasurer, Jim Kink at 3020 N. Kenmore, Chicago. Thanks to Bar Cocina on Sheffield for hosting our fall party. The food was great and everyone had a nice time. Agassiz cancelled the Halloween event due to the teacher’s strike. CLVN donated $5000.00 to Agassiz for their advanced learning lab, FUSE Stem Program, in September. These funds were matched with funds from Ald. Tunney and Boeing for a $20,000.00 grant. The CLVN Holiday Party will be held on Dec. 19, 2019 at the River on Sheffield @ 6 p.m. Please RSVP to centrallakeviewneighbors@gmail.com and provide the sex and age of any children attending. Food and refreshments will be served.

Ald. Report: Ald. Tunney and Chris Jessup reported: Work continues on the 1100 block of Wellington to repair a gas leak and the work should be finished by Nov. 19, 2019. The Aids Garden at Belmont Rocks at the lake is progressing. You can drop off non perishable food items at the Alderman’s office for donations to the Lakeview Food Pantry. Also the 19th District is collecting coats to give to the homeless youth. Also hats and gloves are being donated to the CRIB which provides services to homeless youth. The Merlo Library on Belmont is getting a 6 million dollar rehab. Diversey el is cleaning up and may have some public art in the future. Seniors can attend a Thanksgiving Lunch Thursday at Ann Sather’s. Ald. Tunney will be recycling Christmas Trees after the holiday.

Treasurer’s Report: Marsalek reported for Kerr. The account balance for all our accounts is $20,209.13. Income was from memberships, movie night sponsor, fall party and interest. Expenses were movie night, beautification and Secretary of State filing fee. Poppy inquired who will be maintaining the website. Marsalek and Kink are meeting with Ross Kerr to discuss this item.

Approval of Sept. 10, 2019 Minutes: A motion was made by Charlie Wilcox to approve the minutes from Sept. 10, 2019 which was seconded by Dorothy Klee. The motion passed unanimously.

 Beautification Report: Marsalek reported that volunteers planted spring bulbs and mums on the corners. Ald. Tunney thanked CLVN for all their work to make the neighborhood look nice. He commented the corners are beautiful. Dorothy Mroski took plants that the hospital allowed us to
use from their property on Wellington and she had planted them in our neighborhood. Thanks to the Hospital for the donation and Dorothy for her hard work.

**Nominating Committee:** Marsalek reported that all officers will seek re-election except for the Treasurer, Ross Kerr. The Nominating committee is recommending the slate of all officers and Jim Kink as the Treasurer. Thanks to Ross Kerr for his service as Treasurer and work on the website and social media for CLVN. Marsalek asked if there were any nominations from the floor and there were none. A motion was made by James Kink and seconded by Geoff Shives to approve the slate. The motion passed unanimously.

**Planning & Zoning Committee Report:** Poppy reported no report as the only item was the hospital which has been addressed.

**CDDC Report:** Poppy reported the group reviewed the plans from the site of the former Treasure Island on Broadway. Retail will go on the ground floor, the number of apartments has been reduced and there was an article in the Sunday Tribune about this property.

**LVCC Report:** Klees reported the next meeting is Nov. 21 and the group has been brainstorming on how to be more relevant. They have updated the website and will do fundraising for the neighborhood.

**Lake View East Chamber of Commerce:** Felix Quintiliani reported for the Chamber that they have already been working on snow removal. The holiday decorations will be going up soon. If you spend $300.00 in local stores you can get a $50.00 gift card for your spending. The Chamber Holiday party will be Dec. 18 at Happy Camper on Clark. They are looking for a tenant at the former Bank of America site at Belmont and Sheffield.

**Agassiz** - No report

**Chicago Cubs:** No report

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** None

**Adjournment:** A motion was made by Marie Poppy and seconded by Charlie Wilcox to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m. The next meeting is Jan. 14, 2020 at 7 p.m.

**CAPS REPORT 19th District - Beat 1933** (boundary - Belmont to Diversey between Lincoln to Halsted): The Community Policing meetings for 2020 will be held on Jan. 14, March 10, May 12, July 14, Sept. 8 and Nov. 10. The Commander is Christopher Papaioannou and his contact information is chris.papaioannou@chicagopolice.org. The CAPS meeting was held Nov. 12, 2019. The 19th District held its second community strategic plan meeting which are required under the consent decree. Residents meet with the police to identify issues in the District and how to address them. There will be 2 meetings in 2020 open to the public. The top three crimes in the beat were thefts, deceptive practice and battery. There were a few burglaries: 2900 block of Racine entered via unlocked window and 1100 block of Barry unknown point of entry. Please do not leave packages unattended on your property. Remove valuables from your cars. Lock all doors and windows. Call 311 for non emergency and 911 for an emergency or if you want the police to be on scene. The staffing levels have been mostly up for the District but per the Alderman we are down 16 officers. When the 19th and 23rd Districts merged in 2012 we lost staff and have a bigger territory to cover. The Police Department employs 13,000 staff which is up by 2000 staff. The Commander of the District can decide how to use the resources in the District. We also have private security from the business chamber via the SSA. Offenders come to our area on car, foot, bike, public transportation, uber etc. The canine contract with the CTA was terminated. CTA still employs security at the stations. There was discussion of how to handle rental units with wild parties. Call the police so there is a record of contact with the property. More individuals have packages stolen and it appears that more individuals are having packages delivered to their homes compared to years ago. Many individuals come to our area as they know packages are left on stairs and not secured. We also have an entertainment district and many liquor licenses in which some patrons become victims. When you call the police please provide as much information as possible about offenders. The next CAPS meeting will be held on Jan. 14, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. 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. Gang and narcotics related calls can be made anonymously. 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 centrallakeviewneighbors@gmail.com.