

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

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

**NEXT MEETING JANUARY 13, 2015**

<b>Agenda for January 13, 2015</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Second presentation and voting matter for a liquor license by Pompei for 2955 N. Sheffield</li> <li>2. Presentation by Advocate Illinois Masonic Hospital</li> <li>3. Presentation by Enterprise-address water issues</li> <li>4. Update on Medical Marijuana Dispensary at 2843 N. Halsted</li> <li>5. Presentation for a dinner theater on 1113 W. Belmont and request for incidental liquor license</li> <li>6. President's Report-Marsalek</li> <li>7. Approval of Minutes–November</li> <li>8. Treasurer's Report-Ross</li> <li>9. Committee Reports</li> <li>10. LVCC Report-Korol/Svendson</li> <li>11. Ald. Report</li> <li>12. New Business</li> <li>13. Old Business</li> <li>14. Adjournment</li> </ol>

**Up-Coming Events**

1/13/15

CAPS meeting 6:30 p.m.; CLVN meeting 7p.m.

**WHAT HAPPENED LAST MONTH**

**MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 11, 2014 MEETING**

CLVN President, Diann Marsalek, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Officers in attendance: Jeannie Saliture-Vice President, Treasurer- Alan Zenoff and Area Directors: Karen Gaus, Terry Diamond, Joe Ravelingeen and Mike Canning. Excused officer was Jason Osborn-Corresponding Secretary. A quorum was present.

**Presentation by Pompei at 2955 N. Sheffield for a business and liquor license:** Ralph Davino of Pompei indicated he was glad to be coming back to Sheffield and Lake View. The food will be the same as in the past. A new gelateria will be added where the bar was under the former space which will be great for children. He hopes to open by Christmas. He will serve beer and wine like they did in the past. He also hopes for outdoor seating like they did in the past. A new pick up window may be added to sell gelato. They will also serve waffles, crepes and cappuccino. Scott Berry was introduced who will also work at the location. They will have a great staff and look forward to being involved in the community. They received applause when they announced they will return. Marsalek will have them return with more information at the January meeting and this will be a voting item as to the request for the liquor license.

**Presentation by Med Mar:** Marsalek indicated that the proposed location is located within the boundaries of South East Lake View Neighbors (SELVN) and across the street from CLVN. John Borvika presented and introduced his team. He indicated that SELVN on Nov. 10 voted after 2 presentations and supported their request with a vote of 16 for and 10 against. The Lake View Chamber of Commerce (LVECC) wrote a letter in support of this business which they feel will service members of the LGBT population. The owners of this Illinois Corporation are medical and law enforcement professionals. They seek to use 2843 N. Halsted for medical use of cannabis. The law was passed and will expire in 4 years for this program. There maybe up to 60 licenses in the State and 2 can be located in Lake View Township which includes the 44<sup>th</sup> and 46<sup>th</sup> Wards and is bounded by Devon on the north, North Avenue on the south,

Lake Michigan on the east and Western Avenue on the west. Med Mar selected this location because it is close to Advocate Illinois Masonic Hospital. They signed a lease for the property on Sept. 12, 2014. They presented to the CDDC on Sept. 30, 2014 and to SELVN on October 13 and Nov. 10, 2014. On Nov. 10 they received the letter in support from LVECC. Dr. Katherine Katsoyannis spoke about the debilitating conditions that would make a person eligible for this treatment. Many are conditions with neurological disorders. There are 23 states that recognize medical cannabis. The law in Illinois focused on the best practices of the other states. Patients deserve the right to comfort and the benefit from this drug. Feliza Castro spoke as a lupus patient who receives the drug from Michigan and California where she previously resided. She is also the owner of a healing clinic located at Belmont and Southport who also supports Med Mar's proposal. John Sullivan spoke as to the security program which is very intense as mandated by the state. The property was a former bar and has been vacant for 5 years. There will be extensive renovations and 24/7 video surveillance. The cameras will have capabilities for facial recognition and be able to read license plates. Deliveries will be made in the back in a secure bay area and they anticipate deliveries initially once a week. There will be no transfer of money outside the building. The patient would arrive at the Halsted entrance. They are leasing 6 parking spaces. The facility will run on an appointment based system. There will be a waiting area for the family or caregivers. ID's will be checked. There will be a vault on premises. The alley behind the building will have camera surveillance. The owner of the property does not have any affiliation with Med Mar. The proposed hours would be Monday-Saturday 8:00 a.m. -8:00 p.m. and Sunday from noon -6p.m. They hope to see 40-50 patients a day.

A patient would need to see a doctor who they have a pre-existing relationship with to receive a medical affidavit. The affidavit is provided to the state and the individual is finger printed. The person receives a card and registers at a dispensary. They must wait 30 days if they want to change their location. There is limit as to the amount they can purchase. Individuals will meet counselors in restricted areas. The employees on site will be pharmacists, pharmacy techs or registered nurses. There will not be more than 4 patients at a time. The products will be packed and delivered from cultivation centers. The state can ask for the cameras or books 24/7.

Katrina McGuire an attorney at Thompson Coburn next presented. These facilities can not be located within 1000 feet of a day care or school. Also there can be no residential dwelling where the facility is located. These facilities must be located in a B3, C1, C2 or C3 location. 2843 N. Halsted is zoned B3.2 and meets the zoning criteria. There have been 3 requests which were approved by the Zoning Board of Appeals. They are not required to have parking but will lease 6 parking spots. They will seek a drop off/standing zone and valet parking.

Questions and comments were taken from those in attendance. Concerns were raised for increase in crime, lack of security for the community/surrounding neighbors and the proximity to residences and to places children congregate. Many individuals felt the location should be in a less residential area and along a more commercial street. Also concerns were raised as to the safety of the alley use for deliveries and how many neighbors use the alley for access. There were concerns raised about the cash only business and how that may invite criminals into the area to rob patients or the facility. Concerns were also raised that this will lower the property values in the area. Most felt the medical purpose of the facility was good but the location is not the right fit for the residential character of the area. Rob Svendsen spoke in favor of this proposal.

Alderman Tunney spoke and told residents to attend the Zoning Board meeting on November 21, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. at City Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor. The meeting is open to the public. He is listening to the concerns raised by the residents, is reviewing emails and attending the neighborhood meetings where Med Mar is presenting. He is concerned with security issues and the concerns of the surrounding areas.

**President's Report:** The 2015 CAPS schedule will be on the CLVN website. We are planning the outdoor movies for 2015 and are interested to hear from the membership if you would attend a movie on a Friday or Saturday night. Also what do you think of making one movie adult oriented? Let us know your thoughts. Please keep drains at the corners free of debris and leaves so rainwater has somewhere to drain. The CLVN executive board met and planned events for the winter. CLVN has a banner hanging on the 1100 block of Belmont with our logo. 3016 N. Seminary had another court date on November 10, 2014 and the matter was dismissed as there was substantial compliance with the violations. The CLVN Holiday Party will be held on Dec. 11 at Mad River so save the date. Spring bulbs have been planted at the corners. Marsalek and Poppy met with Advocate to discuss issues and a report will be provided by Poppy. Dues for 2015 will be due on January 1, 2015. Dues can be paid to the Treasurer Ross Kerr or to the President of CLVN. A very successful Halloween Party was held on October 18, 2014 and CLVN sold snack items and refreshments. We gave Agassiz \$200.00 from the sales. Thanks to Terry Diamond, Karen Gaus and Jackie Price for their help. Winners for the Halloween House Decorating were members Charley Wilcox and Mary Anderson. Thanks to Terry Meyers, Charley Wilcox and Sharon Williams for helping with the neighborhood clean up on Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Terry Diamond to amend the July, 2014 minutes with the inclusion of the information about the Executive Board report and Enterprise water overflow on to the public sidewalk which was seconded by Joe Ravelingeen. The motion passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** Zenoff reported there is \$11,200.00 in the bank and this balance is lower than has been in the past. A large expense was made for the summer party which many members felt was worth the expense.

**Election of Officers:** Marsalek read the names of the individuals who volunteered to run for office. Marsalek asked if anyone wanted to nominate anyone or if anyone else wanted to run for office. No nominations were put forth and the elections then were uncontested with the following running for office: Diann Marsalek-President, Jeannie Saliture-Vice President, Jason Osborn-Corresponding Secretary, Terry Diamond-Recording Secretary, Ross Kerr-Treasurer and Area Directors: Mike Canning, Jude Korol, Joe Ravelingeen and Rob Svendsen. A motion was made by Anita Constant and seconded by Jim Mazzolini to approve the officers for the 2015 calendar year. The motion passed unanimously.

**CDDC Report:** Report given by Diamond. There were 3 items at the CDDC meeting: 508-514 W. Diversey (Parkway East) is a proposed 50 residential unit 12 story building that will be 126 feet tall. The project will be processed as a planned development because it will be more than 70 feet tall. Second, was Med Mar's presentation for a Medical

Marijuana Dispensary at 2843 N. Halsted and last the Cubs gave an update on the renovation of Wrigley Field which can be found at [www.wrigleyfield.com](http://www.wrigleyfield.com) The next CDDC meeting is scheduled for Dec. 1, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

**Planning & Zoning Committee Report:** Poppy reported Marsalek and Poppy met on Sept. 29, 2014 with AIMMC (Hospital). Attending from the Hospital; President, Susan Nordstrom Lopez, VP Community Outreach and Pastoral Care, Rev Dee Brown Daniels, EVP Operations Jack Gilbert, and Directors of Safety and Security Lee Mathews and Erick George. The purpose of the meeting was to follow up on the two biggest issues remaining for the community (1) Wellington dock operations and (2) management of moving idling ambulance to the west side of the main entrance once patients are dropped off at the ER. Marsalek and Poppy acknowledged the Hospital was taking better care of assuring medical waste and trash was not spilling onto the street and employees were not smoking in front of residents' homes. Landscape improvements and the Healing Garden were reviewed.

AIMMC stated it is addressing issues raised by the community. They acknowledged the dock activity was more than expected, and the Hospital responded by adding manpower beyond the one person they had assigned 5 days a week from 7 to 7. There are now two shifts 6 days a week with extended hours. Personnel are employees versus contract

Lee Mathews and Erick George represented they had responsibility for dock operations, personnel, and the scheduling of the grease truck operations. They discussed how they meet daily with their staff to view problems areas. Lee Mathews stated he did not have an operation manual but he had developed a site operations guide for each post. He went on to discuss improvements that were being made on the grease vats cleaning operations. Changes to include; greater frequency of cleaning, work would be scheduled earlier in the day and a "curfew" of 7pm for dock operations to be implemented and preventing the trucks from running their loud suction equipment after a 9:30 or 10p.m deadline Lee stated if truckers did not arrive for their appointment time they would be turned away. Over time this would make the dock operations less of a nuisance for the residents nearby. Marsalek and Poppy came away from the meeting feeling things were moving in the right directions.

By then end of October the neighbors complained the grease truck was out there at 9:30 pm. Marsalek brought this to Rev Dee's attention. Rev Dee reply was Lee and Eric were just trying to be helpful and thinking out loud at the meeting and have little to do with the dock operation or nothing to do with the grease truck operation. That was managed by Tom Baumstark. Nothing was going to change and the community should expect this to happen every 4 to 6 weeks and they would be done by 10 pm. She reminded us both that the hospital has been at this location for 100 years. We all know much has changed in our community in that time. Poppy stated to Rev Dee at the CLVN membership meeting if Lee and Erick did not have responsibilities for these operations then management should have stated so at the Sept 29 meeting not leaving us under the impression to believe otherwise.

Rev. Dee attended the CLVN meeting and responded to the grease truck issue. The kitchen at Advocate closes at 7p.m. and fans are not able to be shut off until the kitchen closes. The grease truck comes once a month and removes the grease. In the past they use to work till 2a.m. Now they will cease operation by 10 p.m. at the latest unless there is a dire emergency. They have tried to work with the ambulances. Many of their staff are being disrespected by the ambulances. The Hospital is trying hard to make sure there is no medical waste in the surrounding area of the Hospital. Advocate will send notice prior to the grease truck to alert the community and schedule grease removal for once a month (unless additional removal times are required) between the hours of 7 p.m. and 10 p.m.

Marsalek indicated that the Hospital's response was reviewed by the CLVN Executive Board. Executive Committee decided that the Hospital stated a legitimate operational issue of not being able to work on the grease removal any earlier than 7p.m; and stopping grease removal by 10 p.m. was reasonable. We will continue to monitor the situation to give the Hospital more time improve the dock operations before pursuing any legal counsel. Jim Bail indicated he wanted to see more improvement in Hospital procedures and being a better neighbor.

**CLMA report:** Isacson had to leave and no report was provided.

**LVCC Report:** Korol reported that a letter was written concerning the abatement of rats around Wrigley due to the construction. There is an app – Seeclickfix.com- in which you can send the City any thing you see that needs to be fixed or action taken. LVCC is looking for individuals to run for office. Members of CLVN were not able to vote on the Brown Line referendum as you need to live north of Belmont to have this item on the recent ballot.

**Ald. Tunney:** Marsalek reported she sent out notice that Com Ed was going to repair a collapsed underground vault at Belmont and Halsted for 3-5 weeks. Watch for no parking, lane closures and no left turn from eastbound Belmont onto northbound Halsted.

**Old Business:** Marsalek indicated the petitions to change the parking zone hours are being circulated and we will get the petitions back by the end of the year. Two CLVN members have weekly been checking the water situation at Enterprise. Some members indicated there are problems with water and leaves being slick due to the overflow from car washing. Marsalek will invite Enterprise to come to the January meeting to address these public safety issues.

**New Business:** Marsalek announced there was an arrest today by the police of 2 individuals at the VIC parking lot who were breaking into Hospital employee/visitors' cars and stealing items. They are believed to have stolen items also from parking garages at other locations affiliated with the Hospital. The next meeting will be on January 13, 2015 and Advocate will also present.

**Adjournment:** A motion was made by Jackie Price and seconded by Saliture to adjourn the meeting. The Motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

**CAPS REPORT 19<sup>th</sup> District - Beat 1933** (boundary Belmont to Diversey between Lincoln to Halsted): The Commander's contact information is [elias.voulgaris@chicagopolice.org](mailto:elias.voulgaris@chicagopolice.org). Our beat is 1933 which meets at 6:30 p.m. on

the second Tuesday of the month. There was no meeting for November due to Veteran's Day Holiday. A meeting was held on Dec. 9, 2014. Concerns were raised by parties held on the 1400 block of Fletcher which the police will address. There were 2 robberies in the area which is down by one from last years records. Thefts are down 7% year to date. Major crimes are down 14% year to date. Our beat is doing well as crimes are down. Information was provided on what to do if you are stopped by the police which includes pulling over, stay in the car with both hands in sight of the steering wheel, comply with the request to produce a driver's license and insurance and cooperate during the incident. You should be treated with respect, there should be no maltreatment, you should never pay a fine at the time of the offense, call 312-745-3594 if the police acted inappropriately during the stop. Do not advertise your property by carrying your phones in public where they are visible. The 2015 CAPS meeting dates are Jan. 13, March 10, May 12, July 14, Sept. 8 and Nov. 10, 2015. Sign up for CLEARpath at [www.chicagopolice.org](http://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](http://www.chicagopolice.org/txt2tip). The 19<sup>th</sup> District CAPS phone number is 312-744-0064.

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