

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



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Member Notices

CLVN Dues for 2021 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 Treasurer is Jim Kink, 3020 N. Kenmore.

CLVN Flower Sale: Orders are due May 12, 2021 and the order form can be found on the clvn website. All funds raised will be applied to our beautification fund.

CAPS meeting 6:30 p.m.
Zoom id: 882-3823-1902
Passcode 830274

We will meet by Zoom:
Zoom id: 832-2424-6833
passcode: 130327
call in 312 626 6799

NEXT ZOOM MEETING MAY 11, 2021 7:00 p.m.

Agenda for MAY 11, 2020

1. President's Report-Marsalek
2. Approval of Minutes – March 9, 2021
3. Treasurer's Report-Kink
4. Committee Reports-Beautification
5. CDDC Report-Poppy/Diamond
6. LVCC Report
7. Aldermanic Report
8. LVECC Report-Klees
9. Agassiz Report
10. New Business
11. Old Business
12. Adjournment

Up-Coming Events

WHAT HAPPENED LAST MONTH
MINUTES FROM MARCH 9, ZOOM MEETING

CLVN President, Diann Marsalek, called the zoom meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. due to technical difficulties. CLVN will be holding Zoom Meeting until further notice of when it is safe to have in person meetings. Officers in attendance: Terry Diamond-Vice President, Mary Anderson-Corresponding Secretary, Jim Kink-Treasurer and Area Directors-Dorothy Mroski, Dorothy Klees, Sharon Williams and Charley Wilcox. A quorum was present.

First Presentation for a Zoning Change for 1054 W. Oakdale from RS-3 to RT4: Sarah and

Jonah Rubin, owners of the property, made a presentation. The architect is Jerry Hamin who has renovated several historical buildings including buildings on the 800 block of Oakdale. The building was built in 1886 and is considered American Queen Ann design. The building was known as the Hottinger House on Terra Cotta Row. The building has been modified over the years with vinyl siding added to portions of the building. The building was landmarked in 2004. The interior of the building has issues including narrow rear stairs, small bathrooms, small closets and an outdated kitchen. The basement is not above grade and is considered part of the unlivable space for FAR purposes. The owners are seeking a zoning change to add square footage. There will be no height added. The owners have contacted the Alderman's office and the Landmark Commission. They want to remove the vinyl siding and replace with slate shingles. They hope to keep the home in the family for generations to come. They also want to add to the rear to connect with the existing coach house. They plan to replace the garage and replace with a two car garage. They are presenting to CLVN to start the zoning change request. They have contact the neighbors to the East and West. Several drawings were presented. Marsalek asked about the tenant in the coach house and was told they have vacated the premises. Marsalek will refer the matter to the CLVN Planning and Zoning Committee to address. The owners will return to CLVN at a future date to make a second presentation.

Congressman Quigley: Congressman Quigley gave us a virtual tour of his DC office since tours are not allowed due to COVID19. He voted to approve the COVID19 relief package for Illinois and across the nation. \$1.4 billion will go to transit and \$1.8 billion to Chicago. Congressman Quigley has discussed various mail delivery issues with the Postmaster. Resources will be coming to Chicago. Manpower was down and he received complaints of no mail delivery, mail being delivered late, sporadic delivery and lack of mail carriers. He was told many carriers were staying home due to COVID19 and to care for their children who were home. The weather is improving so carriers should be in a better position to deliver the mail. Poppy questions steps to address non performing carriers. The postal service has had issues with non performance and difficulties with union contacts, carriers stealing mail and temporary carriers not performing on a route. The postal service is to get new technology and new vehicles. Member's comments that the postal service need to track packages better. Marsalek thanked the Congressman and his staff for addressing these issues. Congressman Quigley informed us that only 60% of Congress took the vaccination shots. He will be working on infrastructure and education bills in the future.

Ald. Report: Cottrell reported that CPS is reopening in phases. Ald Tunney visited Hawthorne Academy recently with the Mayor. Wrigley Field will open April 1 with 20% capacity and follow safety precautions. Wrigley may be a mass vaccination site in the future. Currently those over 65 and essential works can sign up for vaccines at the United Center. Cost is not an issue and ride share services will be provided at no cost. Street sweeping will start in April and continue to November.

President's Report: The Community Policing and CLVN meeting for 2021 will be May 11, July 13, Sept. 14 and Nov. 9. Marsalek reminded members that CLVN dues for 2021 were due on January 1, 2021 and are now being accepted. You can pay on PayPal or send to our Treasurer, Jim Kink at 3020 N. Kenmore, Chicago. We will continue with Zoom meetings until it is safe to meet in person. The 383 zone parking signs on the 1000 and 1100 blocks of Wellington have been changed to reflect no parking 24/7. This change was a condition that was agreed upon as a result of the approval of the planned development for the hospital. You should call 311 or 911 to request the police to enforce by writing a citation if a car is parked on the street without a 383 sticker or guest pass.

Beautification Report: Marsalek reported CLVN will hold its Annual Flower Sale on May 22, 2021 with pick up at Tubman formerly known as Agassiz School. The orders will be due May 11, 2021. Order forms will be on the CLVN website and emailed to members. Marsalek has been in contact with Tubman School and Ald. Tunney about the stones being replaced in the tree boxes at the school that were purportedly removed by a private contractor doing work at the school. The City has denied they moved the stones and the contractor states they returned the boxes to the condition before they began the work. Marsalek contacted Patch Landscaping, a vendor recommended by a member and Robert Montoya who did the original work for estimates. The estimates will be presented to the membership for a vote. Please support the flower sale as the funds we raise will go toward this project to beautify the area.

Treasurer's Report: Kink reported that the balance in the accounts is \$17,838.46. We have 76 paid memberships of which 2 are businesses, 44 are seniors and 30 are standard memberships. Most members are using paypal to pay dues. Income has been from memberships and donations. We had no expenses since the last meeting.

Approval of Jan 12, 2021 Minutes: A motion was made by Marie Poppy to approve the minutes from January 12, 2021 which was seconded by Terry Diamond. The motion passed unanimously.

Planning & Zoning Committee Report: Poppy reported no open projects but the committee will now address 1054 W. Oakdale.

CDDC Report: Poppy reported on the Additional Dwelling Ordinance (ADU). The purpose of the Ordinance is to increase affordable housing stock in the City within the existing built environment. The Ordinance legalizes basement and attic conversion in existing residential buildings. On properties where there is enough space to preserve the backyard view corridor, the Ordinance legalizes construction of a coach house under 700 square feet. ADU's are not eligible for use as a shared housing such as AirBnb. Information on the Ordinance can be found at <https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/depts./doh/provdrs/homeowners/svcs/adu-ordinance.html> or contact Marie Poppy.

Poppy also reported the Alderman wants to address empty storefront on portions of Belmont, Sheffield, Halsted and Southport by addressing empty rezoning vacant storefronts from B# to B2. This allows for the ground floor to be used for both residential and commercial/business uses. The blocks that maybe rezoned are: 1400 West Belmont, 3200 N. Sheffield, Wolfram and Halsted (former mattress store) and Grace at Southport. He would like to see these ground floor units be available for commercial and residential tenants. Karen Gaus supported the ideas of allowing a ground floor unit to be used for residential or commercial to get rid of empty store fronts. Maureen Martino expressed some concerns from a business perspective. Some units might be good for this proposal but she is concerned if blocks are rezoned retail/commercial space will be lost. Poppy wants the members to send emails on your feelings on this proposal to her and CLVN so we know if you support or oppose this proposal. Also the redesign of LSD was discussed. There is mixed feelings about a proposal to rename LSD to DuSable Drive. Advocate reported that the Wilton building (west side of Wilton between Barry and Nelson) will be razed in May.

LVCC Report: Klees reported the meeting addressed the proposed LSD redesign and the CDC issues. Maybe concerts will occur and Wrigley with talk of Guns and Roses or Chris Stapleton to perform. They want residents to support take out Thursday with local restaurants. The next meeting is April 1. Elections will occur on June 3.

Lake View East Chamber of Commerce: Maureen Martino reported the chamber is working on a recovery plan. The Cubs will have 20% capacity so these individuals may return to patronize the businesses. There will be a new hotel on Broadway and we now have 10 hotels in the area. We lost 28 businesses but gained 29 businesses. Three Walgreens have left the area and there are some big corners that need tenants. Most people during the pandemic stayed home and ordered goods, services and food. She hopes after people are vaccinated they will return to stores and restaurants. Security has been decreased and will examine more workshops on crime prevention. Not likely there will be many festivals with limited capacity. There will be dine outs on Sheffield and Broadway. LVECC relies on money from the members. They are also watching the number of liquor stores that want to enter the area to prevent oversaturation. Belmont needs tenants. A member suggested stores to make jewelry, panting stores and plants or nursery. She was also looking for feedback on snow removal.

Tubman School- No report.

Chicago Cubs: No report.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Adjournment: A motion was made by Terry Diamond and seconded by Charley Wilcox to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m. The next meeting is May 11, 2021.

CAPS REPORT 19th District - Beat 1933 (boundary - Belmont to Diversey between Lincoln to Halsted): The Community Policing meetings for 2021 will be held on May 11, July 13, Sept. 14 and Nov. 9. The Commander is Christopher Papaioannou and his contact information is chris.papaioannou@chicagopolice.org. and the CAPS Sergeant is Arturo Hernandez. The CAPS

meeting was held on Zoom on March 9, 2021. There were 6 burglaries since the last meeting-1 in January, 2 in February and 3 in March. 5 of the burglaries were forcible and 1 was unlawful where a door or window was left open. The burglaries included-3100 Clark (business), 1000 George (garage), 1200 Wellington (entered via basement door) 3100 Lincoln, 800 Belmont (office) and 1100 Oakdale. The Oakdale burglary was captured on camera-4 male Hispanics with a red truck, temp plates that parked the truck in the alley. There were 7 robberies- 5 in January, 1 February and 1 in March. One arrest was made. Thefts have occurred from packages left on building porches on inside building with doors open and from cars. There were 6 retail thefts. Other thefts included a bike and a catalytic converter. District wide this time last year there were 37 thefts and we are at 23. More people are home due to the pandemic which might explain the decrease in thefts. Robberies are up slightly compared to last year. A 15 year old was arrested for a robbery. As things ease up from COVID19 bars and restaurants will open, Cubs will play ball and more people will be back in the neighborhood. CAPS way flyer the area to remind residents to have packages secured or delivered to a secured site. Many who have packages stolen do not sign complaints as the package is replaced and they get a credit if they purchased the item with a credit card. The next CAPS meeting will be held on May 11, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. either on Zoom or in person. Details to come. 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.

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