

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



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Member Notices

CLVN Dues for 2024 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. 2024 dues are due on Jan. 1, 2024.

CAPS meeting

In person Jan. 9, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. in Olson Auditorium, Advocate Hospital, 836 W. Wellington.

CLVN Meeting

January 9, 2024 at 7

p.m. on Zoom:

Zoom id: 869 7561 0030

Passcode: 679363

NEXT MEETING ON ZOOM-JANUARY 9, 2024

Agenda for January 9, 2024

1. President's Report-Marsalek
2. Approval of Minutes – May 9, Sept. 12 and Nov. 14, 2023
3. Treasurer's Report-Kink
4. Election of Officers for 2024
5. Zoning request 3054 N. Sheffield from RT-4 to B1 or B2.
6. Committee Reports
7. CLVN Planning and Zoning Report-Poppy
8. LVCC Report-Klees
9. Government Reports-Aldermanic, State and Congress
10. LVECC Report
11. Tubman School report
12. New Business
13. Old Business
14. Adjournment

Up-Coming Events

WHAT HAPPENED LAST MONTH
MINUTES FROM NOV. 14, 2023 MEETING

CLVN President, Diann Marsalek, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. as the CAPS meeting ran a bit over. CLVN will be holding zoom meetings for the January and March 2024 meetings. Officers in attendance: Terry Diamond-Vice President, Jim Kink-Treasurer, Mary Anderson-Corresponding Secretary and Area Directors Dorothy Mroski and Dorothy Klees. Excused officers were Area Directors-Charley Wilcox and Sharon Williams. A quorum was not present.

Presentation by Advocate Illinois Masonic Hospital: Susan Nordstrom Lopez, CEO of Advocate Illinois Masonic Hospital asked us to remember firefighter Andrew “Drew” Price. The team at the hospital worked to save his life after he was injured fighting a fire on Lincoln Avenue. It was a devastating loss to the doctors and nurses who tried to save him. She then presented the construction team of Tom Nelson and Aldona Jelinek of Turner Construction and Frank Nuno of the Hospital. Nelson and his team have been working on the Hospital project for over 10 years. The Hospital has been communicating with Ald. Lawson, CTA, CDOT, Fire Dept., the Building Department and Advocate. All permits have been issued and received. The steel crane will be in erected in November or December. In spring the tower crane will be demobilized. From February to July the building structure will go up consisting of brick and glass. The existing site plan is being followed to keep traffic off Barry. When the crane is removed the 4 parking spots on Barry will be returned to the community. Until this happens 4 parking spots were provided by the Hospital to residents on Barry in one of their lots. Some storage is occurring under the CTA tracks on Nelson. He personally walks the construction site. Sound absorption panels were placed on the fence on Barry. There is a zero tolerance for construction personnel to park on a residential street. All construction workers are informed in orientation they are not allowed to park on residential street. In the first year there were 50 trade persons working on the site. In year 2 there will be 250 workers which should be the summer of 2024. Parking options are being provided in Hospital and leased lots for parking for the workers. If you have any issues call Frank Nuno at the Hospital at 773-296-3917. The Hospital expects to complete the construction by July of 2025 with the first phase and a second phase will then start. The new building will have private rooms and new units for neo-natal, intensive care and others. Buildings 4, 5, 6 will be demolished by 2030 which are older buildings on the campus. All plans are on Ald. Lawson’s website. Members asked about working with the CTA for further soundproofing. Marsalek commented the landscaping each season has been beautiful. The Hospital will likely return in March for a further update.

Presentation by Tubman School: Principal Tonya Hammaker is the new principal and she has entered into a 4 year contract. Her email is thammaker@cps.edu. The scores for the last year were above the district and state standards. She hopes to see growth in the school and is excited

to be at the school. The enrollment is 300 students but the school has lost 100 students over the past few years. At one point the school had 500 students. The school offers and IB program international studies and offer Japanese and Arabic languages. The school services students in pre-K to 8th grade. School tours are being offered. The school also offers sports programs, after care for working parents till 6p.m., clubs and various after school programs. The Friends of Tubman is a strong organization to support the school. A member suggested the principal talk to local realtors to inform potential buys of tours of the school and to promote the school. Members also expressed the school needs to work with the community and do neighborhood outreach. We want to work together to promote the neighborhood and during Covid there was hardly any contact from the school to the community. Also suggested was to get neighbors involved in the local school council as neighborhood representatives. Neighbors also want to see the school provide a positive safe environment. The Principal is meeting with students in grades 6-8 to talk about high schools and the best fit for the student. The Pre-K is capped by CPS to 18-20 students and is a free program with neighborhood preference. Names must be submitted to CPS for the pre-K.

Presentation by LaPerla-3166-68 N. Clark: Sneh Shah made the presentation and introduced the chef and managers. They have been working for over a year to have inspections and work with the City to open. The restaurant will have a Latin theme and serve seafood, steak and tacos among other items. The will be initially open for dinner, then lunch and perhaps a brunch. The hours will be Monday-Thursday 11:00 a.m. - midnight, Friday 11 a.m. -2p.m. and Saturday 11:00 a.m.-3:00 a.m. and Sunday 11:00 a.m. -2:00 a.m. Marsalek inquired if they would have security cameras and they will look into this. They do have a public amusement license. The focus will be on food and they can seat 99 individuals. The bar will have some tables. The site is 2500 sq. ft and deliveries will occur in the rear off Fletcher. The trash will be located in the rear of the building. This is the first restaurant this group will be involved with. They hope to open December 1, 2023. A plan of operation was approved by the Police and Ald. Lawson. Marsalek will send a notice to Ald. Lawson about the community support for the restaurant.

Presentation by Congressman Quigley: Taylor Ortiz told us she works with the federal agencies and is the liaison for postal and passport issues. Max Sklodowski who also attended works on senior issues. The post office has installed slots on the mailboxes to prevent thefts of mail and check washing from stolen mail. If someone needs a change of address you can do the paperwork online however, you must physically go to the post office for them to complete the process and verify your identity. Staffing issues still are a concern for the post office. The office at Wellington and Ashland has limited Sunday hours.

Presentation by Alderman Bennett Lawson: Jessica Papp reported

there are several special events happening in the area. On November 21st free Flu and Covid shots will be offered at the Merlo Library on Belmont. Street sweeping ends this month and is weather dependent. If it snows the trucks are converted to snow plows and not available for street cleaning. 2024 guest passes are on sale and good until 2025. The 2023 passes which are green in color can be used until January 5, 2024 since they have a slight grace period to extend their use. The 2024 passes will be lavender. Perhaps if you have unused passes you can donate to local schools if they have events. On November 21, 2023 the tree lighting will occur at Gallagher Way at Wrigley. The elected 19th District Advisory Council will meet on November 28 at 6:30 p.m. at Sulzer Library on Lincoln. 3333383 zone signs that were taken down on Wellington due to construction will be going up again. The completion of the new traffic signal at Seminary and Belmont is delayed due to material delays. A question was asked why property owners can get tax relief for empty stores. The Assessor works with the three local business chambers to address this issue. If you have a dead tree in the parkway you should call the Alderman's office and ask to speak to Jake Shelly or call 311. Forestry has changed their operations. It is also suggested to send pictures of any complaints.

Presentation by Senator Feigenholtz: Ella Chambers reported on the veto session. Sen. Feigenholtz presented a trailer bill for vehicle charging for electronic vehicles. She recently received an award for her service. She looks forward to seeing everyone over the holidays.

President's Report: The 2024 CAPS and CLVN meetings will be meeting will be the second Tuesday of odd months- on Zoom Jan. 9 and March 12, 2024. In person meetings will be at Advocate Illinois Masonic in the Olson Auditorium on May 14, July 9, Sept. 10 and Nov. 12. CAPS will meet at 6:30 p.m. and the dates and locations have not yet been issued. The final summer movie was held on September 22, 2023. Thanks to our sponsors and Terry Diamond and Mary Anderson for their work on the movies. We thank Sgt. Hernandez for his work in the CAPS office as he moved to the CPD training academy and welcome our new CAPS Sgt. Dean Angelo. Marsalek and Diamond met with Maureen Martino from the Lake View East Chamber of Commerce and asked the chamber to attend the CLVN meetings or send a report for the meeting which was agreed to. Maureen Martino from the business chamber-LVECC sent a text during the meeting that she was unable to attend the meeting or send a report. She confirmed that she or a representative from LVECC will attend the Jan. 9, 2024 meeting to update the community on the Chamber programs and local businesses.

Treasurer's Report: Kink reported the account holds over \$15,894.00. One movie sponsorship was received. We are waiting for the other movie sponsorships to arrive. The 2024 member's dues are being paid. The expenses were for the movies. Diamond wanted CLVN to make a

donation to Nourishing Hope (formerly Lake View Food Pantry) and the motion was tabled to the January meeting as we did not have a quorum.

Election of 2024 officers: We had to table the election to the January meeting as we did not have a quorum. All current 2023 officers will seek re-election for 2024.

Beautification Report: No report.

Planning & Zoning Committee Report: No report.

LVCC Report: Klees reported a Safety Forum was held and CLVN was a co-sponsor with East Lake View Neighbors. Information from the presentation by COPA included you can file complaints at COPA for CPD at 1615 W. Chicago. Approximately 5000 complaints a year are made. They employ 152 staff. They now receive 1% of their budget from the CPD budget. The next LVCC meeting is Dec. 7th. CLVN is still trying to inquire if our Officer's and Director's insurance is still provided through LVCC or if we need to find our own policy.

Lake View East Chamber of Commerce: No report.

Tubman School: Report provided by the Principal earlier in the meeting.

Chicago Cubs: No report.

Old Business: None.

New business: The Alderman's office is creating committees to address certain areas that affect the quality of life in the ward. An earlier notice was published to seek volunteers and these groups are being organized. A small steering committee will be created and a larger working group also will be created. The CLVN Holiday party will be at the River on Sheffield from 6-8 p.m. on Dec. 12 with free food and refreshments. You need to rsvp to centrallakeviewneighbors@gmail.com. The Lake View-Roscoe Chamber of Commerce will have a tree lighting ceremony on Nov. 19 at 6p.m. at Southport and Wellington. The LVECC tree lighting will be on Nov. 28 at Clark Street Dog on Halsted and Clark at 5:30 p.m. Dec. An Amazon Fresh grocery store is to open at Belmont and Halsted next spring. Fifth Third Bank will return to the location soon. The former Walgreens at Belmont and Sheffield is full of rats and there are many homeless individuals sleeping around the location. The landlord is writing off the space as a loss. The ceiling is also falling apart. The building is in bad shape and the neighbors told us the landlord is doing nothing. The gas station at Belmont and Racine is terminating and an apartment building will occupy the space. The site of the former Tenenbaum Hardware will be apartments with retail on the first floor.

Approval of Minutes from May 9 and September 12, 2023: Tabled as there was not a quorum.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was tabled as we did not have a quorum. The meeting ended at 8:24 p.m. The next meeting is January 9, 2024 at 7 p.m. on Zoom.

CAPS REPORT 19th District - Beat 1933 (boundary - Belmont to Diversey between Lincoln to Halsted): The Commander is Amin Jessani and his contact information is amin.jessani@chicagopolice.org. The CAPS Sergeant is Dean Angelo and his contact info is dean.angelo@chicagopolice.org. The Community Policing meeting was held Nov. 14, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at Advocate Masonic Hospital. There were 3 aggravated batteries all occurring on Belmont at the Belmont El. An individual was waiting for an elevator and was struck with a broom and spit on by the offender. The victim was beaten. The offender told the victim he was beating him because he felt the victim was staring at him. An offender tripped someone at the train and then fled without obtaining any items from the victim. The third battery was committed against a CTA employee. There were 46 thefts up 11 from last year. 4 Bikes were stolen from back yards. Please remember to register your bike with the City. Also there were thefts from buildings. Please have your packages delivered to a secure location. 8 Catalytic converters were stolen. There were 12 motor vehicle thefts mostly Kia's and Hyundai's. Make sure you lock your car and remove personal property items from your car. A burglary occurred on the 1400 block of Barry in which the entry was from an unlocked door. Bikes were stolen from a garage on Nelson. There was a robbery on the 2900 block of Lincoln in which the victim was to purchase a phone for \$600.00 in cash. The sale was made on line. The victim gave the offender money and the offender left implying she had a weapon. If you enter into purchases online and are required to meet bring someone with you or suggest meeting in a police station to obtain the goods. If you see someone with mental health issues you can call 911 and trained police will respond. They can also make further contact with a paramedic and social worker under the CARES program. The 2024 CAPS meeting schedule will be announced soon. There are currently 120 migrants in the station but the number varies on any given day with up to 200 staying in the building and outside the building. The City is providing food, housing and the ability to receive showers. Meetings are occurring concerning the post pride activities on Belmont. An arrest occurred for the robberies on Lincoln Avenue north of Irving in which businesses were vandalized. A question was raised who neighbors should call to report noise or activity occurs at Tubman School when the school and playground are closed. The police responded to call 911 to report. The next CAPS meeting is January 9, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. You can also enroll in www.smart911.com. 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. Attend the CLVN meetings to build a better and safer community.

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