

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



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### Member Notices

CLVN Dues for 2025 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.

#### **CAPS meeting**

The CAPS meeting will be on Zoom at 6:30 p.m. on March 11, 2025. The CAPS Zoom info is:

**Zoom Id: 853-9482-2709**

**Passcode: 290438**

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#### **CLVN Meeting**

March 11, 2025, 7p.m., on Zoom. The zoom info is:

**Zoom Id: 882-3822-9772**

**Zoom Passcode: 702521**

## **NEXT MEETING ON ZOOM March 11, 2025**

### **Agenda for Zoom Meeting on March 11, 2025**

1. 2814 N. Halsted Zoning Request to add dwelling units and a parking variance. This will be a voting matter.
2. Update by Illinois Masonic Hospital-Planned Development
3. Update on 925 W. Belmont-new direction for the development.
4. President's Report-Marsalek
5. Approval of Minutes – Jan. 14, 2025
6. Treasurer's Report-Kink
7. CLVN Planning and Zoning Report-Poppy
8. Government Reports-Aldermanic, State and Congress
9. LVECC Report - Martino
10. LVCC Report - Klees
11. New Business
12. Old Business
13. Adjournment

## Up-Coming Events

CLVN Wine Tasting on April 13, 2-5 p.m. at Kirkwood's, \$10 suggested donation.

### **WHAT HAPPENED LAST MONTH** **MINUTES FROM JANUARY 14, 2025 MEETING**

CLVN President, Diann Marsalek, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Officers in attendance: Terry Diamond-Vice President, Mary Anderson-Corresponding Secretary, Jim Kink-Treasurer and Area Directors Dorothy Klees and Charles Wilcox. Excused officer was Area Director Dorothy Mroski. A quorum was present.

**Presentation by Congressman Mike Quigley:** Congressman Quigley joined us from his Washington D.C. office on Zoom. He informed us homelessness is at an all time high. Covid money is running out. The head of the CTA is leaving and a \$1.9 million contract was signed to extend the Red Line. Funding could be pulled in the future. There is a concern that funding will go down for various services and projects. Work is being performed to ensure that Chicago's Sanctuary City designation will not be held against it for funding requests. His office offers assistance on passports, visa's, military academy admissions, Medicare, Social Security and Medicaid. The wars in Ukraine and the Middle East are being monitored by the United States. You can contact his office by reaching his aide at [maxim.sklodowski@mail.house.gov](mailto:maxim.sklodowski@mail.house.gov).

**Presentation by Sen. Sara Feigenholtz:** Senator Feigenholtz introduced her staff-Samantha Biel and Shayna Jaskolka. She provided a recap of legislation from Springfield. Karina's Law was passed to close loopholes in the Domestic Violence law. Many moms are murdered by their abusers. It was hard for the police to confiscate guns when the abuser was an "alleged abuser". Work will be done on a bill to add regulations to hemp. Covid money is drying up and budget issues are arising. Agencies and others were warned not to use Covid money on operations and salaries and that's what agencies and others used the money for and now face funding issues. The Bears, White Sox and CPS are looking for money from the State. There is no money to give them. Pension issues need to be addressed as errors in prior pension legislation needs to be corrected. It will cost \$50 million dollars to fix the pension errors. Transportation may also see future cuts. There are concerns and complaints about the CTA reliability, lack of timeliness and scheduling issues. The Civic Federation also published a report on the Chicago Public Schools and revealed a \$857 million loan debt which needs to be paid before education expenses can be paid. Small business rebates will be offered. Her office can also help with unclaimed property from the Illinois Treasurer's Office. You can see if any money is unclaimed by visiting [www.icash.illinoistreasurer.gov](http://www.icash.illinoistreasurer.gov).

**Aldermanic Report:** Isaac Trancoso reported he addresses areas of public safety, legislation and housing. Vehicular highjackings and firearm robberies have gone down. Homicide detectives are clearing cases with a 56% clearance from past clearances in the 20% range. Shootings and murders are down. Several ordinances were introduced by Ald. Lawson including making it easier to convert commercial store fronts to residential in certain areas, have contact info on a 24-7 basis for short term rentals and to prevent propane from being used on the public way. A community open house was held to create a new plan to cover the next 20 years for transit, infrastructure and small

businesses. The shared sidewalks program is now open for application. The head of the CTA resigned. The 925 W. Belmont and 2814 N. Halsted zoning projects have requested to be deferred to a future meeting. A survey will be done on the 3200 block of Wilton to address traffic and pedestrian movement. Guest passes are for sale and have increase to a \$1.00 per pass so 15 passes are now \$15.00. The City Council is looking at reducing the speed on city streets from 30 mph to 25 mph. Sen. Feigenholtz stated her office gets complaints about the speed on DuSable Lake Shore Drive. A discussion was held on speed cameras and other items to address speed on the road.

**Presentation on 925 W. Belmont:** The developer on Jan. 14, 2025 requested the matter be deferred to the March 11, 2025 meeting. For more information go to [www.44thward.org/development/major-developmentproject/925wbelmont-2](http://www.44thward.org/development/major-developmentproject/925wbelmont-2).

**President's Report:** Marsalek reported the CLVN Wine Tasting will be on Sunday April 13, 2025 at Kirkwood's from 2-5 p.m. The CLVN meeting on March 11, 2025 will be on zoom due to the winter months. We will resume in person meetings in May of 2025. The CAPS meetings will be on the same schedule as CLVN with meetings on March 11, May13, July 8, Sept. 9 and Nov. 11, 2025. Thank you to the River for a great Holiday Party. We are planning Summer Movies and the Flower sale so watch for more details.

**Treasurer's Report:** Jim Kink reported the balance in the accounts is \$17,822.00. Movie sponsorship have been received. We have 54 paid members with the numbers expected to increase. A budget has been prepared for 2025. The major cost is the movies and sponsorships fluctuate. Members discussed ways to increase membership which includes marketing the organization. A suggestion was made to the Alderman's office to promote the organizations and offer a link in their newsletter.

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Terry Diamond to approve the minutes from Nov. 12, 2024 which was seconded by Charley Wilcox. The motion passed unanimously.

**Lake View East Chamber of Commerce:** No report.

**Planning & Zoning Committee Report:** Marie Poppy reported a request was made to the owners of 2814-2816 N. Halsted for new drawings before the CLVN Planning and zoning Committee makes a recommendation on the proposed zoning change and parking. We are waiting to hear from 925 W. Belmont as to when they will be ready to return to CLVN.

**LVCC Report:** Klees reported the December meeting was cancelled. The next meeting will be held in March.

**Tubman School:** No report.

**Chicago Cubs:** No report

**Old Business:** Marie Poppy informed us that the business chamber was going to have someone look at the boxes surrounding the parkway trees at Tubman School. Unfortunately it is not too cold and snowy for this to happen so it will wait till spring.

**New business:** None.

**Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn was made by Terry Diamond and seconded by Jim Kink. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting ended at 8:01 p.m.

**CAPS REPORT 19<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:amin.jessani@chicagopolice.org). The CAPS Sergeant is Dean Angelo and his contact info is [dean.angelo@chicagopolice.org](mailto:dean.angelo@chicagopolice.org). The CAPS meeting was held Jan. 14. Officer Mercado wished everyone a Happy New Year and made introductions. There were 4 robberies which is up from this time last year. The first occurred on Nov. 24 at the Belmont station at 4:30 a.m. in which the offender knew the victim. The offender said something to the victim, pulled out a gun and demanded the victim's phone. The victim got on a bus and reported the incident to the bus driver. On Dec. 21 at 4:40 p.m. the victim was walking on the CTA platform at Belmont. The offender stepped on the victim's shoe while the victim was playing a video game. The offender beat up the victim and broke his headphones. On Jan. 10 on the 900 block of Barry at 10 p.m. offenders with guns forced the victim out of his car. The offenders were later captured after being followed by the police helicopter. Also on Jan. 10 at 11:39 p.m. on the 2900 block of Sheffield two armed offenders approached the victim and took the victim's car. The car was recovered later and the detectives are working on the case. Burglaries are down from 8 last year to 4 this year. On Dec. 3 on the 1100 block of Wellington a jewelry box was taken after the apartment door was possibly left open. On Dec. 18 at 2:30 a.m. on the 3000 block of Sheffield, the Oberweis Dairy was broken into by an offender who smashed the glass door and stole a cash register. The event was captured on the store's video. Between Dec. 22-27, 2024 on the 1200 block of Wellington an offender got into a basement unit and the unit was ransacked. Entry was unknown. On Jan. 6 a garden unit was broken into by force to the front door on the 800 block of Fletcher. There was one motor vehicle theft which was a decrease of 11 from last year. The police have numbers to post on the building or garage for first responders to identify the address. The next CAPS meeting is March 11, 2025 on Zoom. You can also enroll in [www.smart911.com](http://www.smart911.com). 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). Gang and narcotics related calls can be made anonymously. The 19<sup>th</sup> District CAPS phone number is 312-744-0064.

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