

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

 <p>Visit our web site at www.clvn.org</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Member Notices</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CLVN Holiday Party Dec. 1, 2016 at Mad River, 6:30-8:30 p.m., 2909 N. Sheffield. RSVP to centrallakeviewneighbors@gmail.com with the number attending and if bringing children the age and sex of the child. 2. CAPS meetings are held on the second Tuesday of odd months at 6:30 p.m. and the CLVN meeting will be held on the second Tuesday of the odd months at 7p.m. 3. Dues for 2017 are being accepted by CLVN. 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.

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

NEXT MEETING NOVEMBER 10, 2016

Agenda for November 10, 2016
1. Second presentation by 937-941 W. Belmont zoning change from B3-3 to B3-5 for 5-6 story building. This will be a voting matter
2. Presentation Azteca Grill 847 W. Belmont for Incidental Liquor License
3. Election of 2017 CLVN Officers and Area Directors
4. President's Report-Marsalek
5. Approval of Minutes –Sept. 2016
6. Treasurer's Report-Kerr
7. Committee Reports- Beautification-Marsalek
8. CDDC Report-Poppy/Diamond
9. LVCC Report
10. Ald. Report
11. New Business
12. Old Business
13. Adjournment

Up-Coming Events

11/10/16	CAPS Meeting 6:30 p.m.; CLVN meeting 7p.m.
12/1/16	CLVN Holiday Party Mad River 6p.m.

WHAT HAPPENED LAST MONTH

MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 13, 2016 MEETING

CLVN President, Diann Marsalek, called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. due to the length of the Caps meeting. Officers in attendance: Jeanne Saliture-Vice President, Terry Diamond-Recording Secretary, Ross Kerr-Treasurer, Mary Anderson-Corresponding Secretary, Area Directors: Jude Korol and Sharon Williams. Area Directors Dorothy Klees and Charley Wilcox are attended the CTA tiff meeting as this meeting was scheduled at the same time as the CLVN meeting. Both Klees and Wilcox came to the CLVN meeting after the CTA tiff meeting. A quorum was present.

Presentation by Heather Way Kitzes of the Chicago Cubs: Kitzes distributed cards to sign up for the new Cubs email if you are an area resident. The Cubs have hired ten private security officers to patrol the area of Wrigley Field 24 hours a day. Many of the Cubs employees and players live in the area and the Cubs want to be good neighbors. Contact the Cubs at neighbors@cubs.com. The last Cubs home stand for the season will end Sept. 25. The Cubs hope to win the division title and advance in post season play. The new security screening is going well. Many individuals came to get some used sod from Wrigley Field that was free to anyone this week.

Presentation for 821 W. Oakdale for a zoning change from RT4 to RM5: Attorney Tom Pikarski and Kevin Vaez provided a second presentation at the meeting. Pikarski is a land use attorney and Vaez is the owner of the property. The owner seeks to improve the property which consists of a stone and brick 3 unit dwelling. There is a garden level space that is used as a space for storage and utilities. The owner seeks to convert the garden space into a dwelling consisting of 1500 square feet. The exterior of the building would remain the same with only work being done to the interior. The owner contacted the adjoining neighbors and they had no objection to the proposed plans. Currently, there are 3 spots for parking and no additional parking would need to be offered due to the grandfather status of the property. The property would need to receive a zoning change and a variance. The owner executed a restrictive covenant to downzone the building back to RT4 after the permits have been secured. Poppy spoke on behalf of the CLVN Planning & Zoning Committee and reported the adjoining neighbors do support the plan. Once the property has the permits it would be rezoned from R4.5 to R4. The CLVN Planning and Zoning Committee recommend to the membership to approve the request. A vote was taken and it passed unanimously with 28 members in favor of the zoning change. Marsalek indicated a letter will be sent to Ald. Tunney with the vote results.

Presentation for 937-941 W. Belmont for a zoning change from B3-3 to B3-5: Sarah Barnes of Samuel Banks Law Office made a second presentation concerning this property. They purchased 2 parcels of land directly to the east of the Belmont El. There is an existing CTA easement on the property immediately to the east of the el in which they can't build anything on, or over the easement. The current zoning is B3-3 and they seek B3-5. There is no B3-4 zoning. The building would house 5 stories and a recessed penthouse on the 6th floor. The building would be a mixed use with a restaurant at grade level with outdoor seating in a landscaped area and the second floor would consist of retail and a salon. There would be apartments on the remaining floors ranging from studios to two bedroom units. The building would act as a buffer for the noise of the el. No parking is required as this project is a transit oriented development. They would offer 15-20 parking spots under the el tracks. The alley is 24 feet wide. A truck could turn into and fit in the proposed loading dock area and there is a space in the rear of the building for enclosed trash containers. There would be bike parking in the basement or on the first floor. They hope to file as a Type 1 zoning in which the City requires bike parking. The bike racks would be located inside the building. The current height is 65 feet and the proposed height would be 78 or 79 feet. They would also consider doing a green roof. Most of the building would consist of glass façade. They will also perform sound studies. They would work with the City and CTA to stage construction to avoid peak times for el traffic. They also need a project name. They have been working on this project for over a year and have met several times with the CTA. They are open to our input on the style of the building. They will be presenting to the 44th Ward CDDC at the next meeting.

President's Report: The last 2016 CAPS/CLVN meetings are scheduled for Nov. 10 due to the election being held on Nov. 8th. Save the dates: Oct. 23, 2016 Wine Tasting at Matilda's and Dec. 1, 2016 Holiday Party at Mad River. The Agassiz Halloween Party is October 22, 2016 from 10-12 noon. CLVN will sell items and all proceeds raised will be donated to the school. Thanks to the CLVN members who donated school supplies to Agassiz. A meeting was held with VIC/JAM to address a few items. They will provide a calendar to us so we know when shows are occurring and if they will have many vehicles parked on the street for the shows. They will also try to move patrons onto Belmont after shows to reduce noise on Sheffield. The CLVN Executive Board met and devised an anti-crime plan. We decided to distribute police anticrime flyers to the area and the We Call Police signs. The CLVN officers, area directors and Marie Poppy, Judi Phillips and Julia Harrison all helped to get the flyers distributed. We are trying to get individuals in the area to lock doors, garages and cars. Many of the thefts and burglaries are where there is no forced entry meaning property is left open. We requested the CTA attend the CAPS meeting to discuss security at the Belmont el since many of the crimes report the offender uses the Belmont el as the get away. We will look at the late night businesses along Belmont and Sheffield. A call box is being proposed by the business chamber for Belmont or Sheffield. We will look into private security and more cameras on the street. We will meet with the surrounding branches to discuss how we can work together to combat crime in the area. We did meet Hawthorne Neighbors and South Lakeview Neighbors. We decided we need to encourage more individuals to call 911 when they see things so we can get more police coverage since police distribution is based on the number of calls for service. We will schedule a joint meeting of the community and invited the CTA to discuss security at the el stations at Belmont, Wellington, Southport, Addison and Diversey. We also discussed a way to educate younger individuals on not walking alone in the early morning, lock up residences and other items. We will approach the businesses to get more cameras which may help on Belmont. We may schedule a meeting with the 4 a.m. liquor license holders around Belmont and Sheffield to address concerns between 2:00-4:00 a.m. in that area. Saliture and Charley Wilcox will devise a membership plan. Marsalek attended the post pride parade meeting in August. Feedback was the shorter parade worked better and the police presence was great. Concerns were raised as to the amount of trash left after the parade clean up on residential streets such as Sheffield, parking enforcement was a mess and needs to be organized. Community groups asked to be invited to pre-pride parade meetings to give input on issues that affect our area.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Terry Diamond and seconded by Ross Kerr to approve the July 12, 2016 minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Ross reported a balance in all CLVN accounts of \$14,366.18. There is \$2000.00 in the legal fund, \$3,978.65 in the beautification fund and \$1,937.49 in the general fund. We have 166 paid members and will begin collecting 2017 dues. We are waiting for a response to the 501 tax exempt status from the State of Illinois. Jackie Price inquired if Kerr could put together a list of the donations we have made to Agassiz. She also suggested we do other fundraisers and donate to get more vests for the police or fund neighborhood security. Poppy informed the group that neighbors in the Southport corridor raised funds to hire private security for neighborhood patrols. They raised \$200,000 and also formed a 501 non for profit organization. The security also is covered by liability insurance. Marsalek did comment that they had a few big donors which helped them reach this goal quickly.

Beautification Committee Report: Marsalek reported more work was done at the Agassiz boxes to raise the height. We received another donation for \$2000 for this project and will work to finish the 3 boxes on George and 1 box on Wolfram to complete this project. We will be planting spring bulbs and fall materials on the corners shortly.

CDDC Report: Diamond reported a presentation was made at the meeting for 450 W. Belmont to build a large building. The Cubs Plaza is still under construction and will not open till sometime in the future.

Planning & Zoning Committee Report: Poppy reported the zoning request for 922-924 w. George will be deferred. A single family home in the current zoning will be build at 1102 W. Wellington.

LVCC Report: Tracey Klees had no report.

Ald. Report: Chris Jessup reported work should be completed at Wellington and Sheffield by the end of September. The sidewalks at these corners will be returned to ADA status with areas for wheelchairs to use these corners. A police security camera will be installed at this intersection. A neighbor thanked the Alderman's office for replacing the warning to allow for pedestrian's to cross at Belmont and Seminary. Another neighbor inquired if bike lanes were coming to Belmont. The property located at 1015 W. Belmont is in housing court with 14 violations. Jessup will attend these hearings. Jessup told us the police staffing levels at the 19th district were down by 5 staff since August 1, 2016 due to transfers and retirements. Jessup is working with neighbors on the 3000 block of Clifton to address alley, garbage and rat issues. Poppy mentioned that the trash dumpsters at Barcocina were overflowing and not secured. Kerr told us the condos at Wellington and Clifton had trash issues which were quickly addressed by the building. Another member mentioned the lofts at Belmont and Seminary have trash issues. Marsalek notified both Ald. Tunney and Waguespack that Muskie Fest was the loudest it has ever been with noise and Kerr concurred as to the loudness.

Agassiz School report: Tabled to the next meeting.

CLMA/Chicago View report: No report.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Mark Staubin informed the group there is a doorbell which costs \$150 and also has a camera capability. The member will provide more info to CLVN so we can share this with members. The member also inquired if CLVN could set up a meeting to address security tips which CLVN will do. Chris Hallett provided a recap of the CTA tiff meeting which was the same time as our meeting. This was a public meeting held at DePaul and attended by 100 or so individuals. Rep. Feigenholtz attended to voice she is against the flyover and tiff tax. Another public hearing will be held. The City Council will have to vote on this. Alderman Smith from the 43 Ward is also opposed to the tiff and flyover. They are seeking this tiff tax so they can match money needed from the federal government for the flyover. The loan will have to be paid in 35 years.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Terry Diamond and seconded by Marie Poppy to adjourn the meeting. The Motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

CAPS REPORT 19th District - Beat 1933 (boundary - Belmont to Diversey between Lincoln to Halsted): The CAPS meeting was held on Sept. 13, 2016. A review of the top ten crimes was done. There were 5 unlawful burglaries involving entry by unlocked doors, screens and windows. Two garages had bikes stolen. The offenders are looking for computers, cell phones. There were three forcible entries. The offenders also use outdoor furniture to reach air conditions, doors and windows. The Commander confirmed it does not appear that a shooting occurred at Belmont and Sheffield recently. There was no shooting on the police camera and no evidence was found at the scene. The location was self reported by the victim. In August additional police came to the area including staff assigned to organized crime. They worked for three weekends and made 9 arrests. Four of the arrestees were gang members. The Commander is deploying resources and adjusting resources as needed. The police encounter victims who do not want to cooperate so there are times when they are not sure if the victims were patrons of bars in the area or not. Call 911 to report suspicious individuals or suspicious activity. Police detectives do review security cameras at the el stations. A representative from the CTA security attended the meeting. The CTA uses cameras, canine units and physical security. The CTA works with the alderman and police and provides their security tapes. The canine unit covers the whole transit system and is a private vendor who contracts with the CTA. These individuals can detain or help with crowd control but they lack arrest powers. Ald. Tunney informed the CATA that there is a problem with large groups loitering at the CTA station on the south side of Belmont by the artwork. The CTA indicated the agent should call 911 or their security. A question was raised if there could be a police car dedicated to sit and Belmont and Sheffield 24/7. Someone inquired what is being done with the crowds at the 7/11 on Halsted at Roscoe. The police responded that the 7/11 hires private security and the manager did close the business early on parade night at the request of the Commander. The Commander reminded those at the meeting that there are officer in marked cars, unmarked cars, in uniform and in undercover clothes. There are robbery missions being conduct in our beat 1933 and 1924 to our north. Individuals asked if there could be a session on gang identification. Others inquired as to the status of curfew laws and way more individuals are not stopped for loitering and curfew. The police explained that loitering is hard to arrest for unless you are on private property. The focus of the beat meetings in 2017 is back to the basics to problem solving and above listed topics. The 19th District's Commander is Robert Cesario and his contact information is robert.cesario@chicagopolice.org. The next CAPS meeting will be held on November 10, 2016 addressing seasonal tips 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. 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 Diann Marsalek at centrallakeviewneighbors@gmail.com.

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