

**South East Lake View Neighbors (SELVN)
General Meeting
17 April 2007
7:00 PM**

Wellington Avenue Church, 615 West Wellington

Minutes

1. Welcome and introduction by York Chan, President. The meeting was called to order at 7:05, there were approximately 25 people in attendance at that time.
2. York announced that Bruce Beal is requesting permission to videotape SELVN's general meetings. Bruce said that he wants to do this for two reasons: 1) to show how many people are in attendance and 2) as a reference (presumably posted on a web-site) for people who aren't in attendance. A suggestion to discuss this first at the next board meeting (in two weeks) was accepted.
3. Ongoing Issues
 - Surf/Pine Grove Landmark District: Laura Marier announced that the final owners' vote was 13 to 3 in approval of the proposed district. The Landmarks Commission will have the final vote on this; Alderman Tunney supports it. There will be a public hearing on Wednesday, 18 April, at 9:30 AM, at 33 North LaSalle, Suite 1600, and SELVN members are encouraged to attend to speak on the proposal's behalf.
4. New Issues
 - Sura Thai Restaurant, 3124 North Broadway is requesting a new (to their business) liquor license and a sidewalk café permit. The previous restaurant at the site was Mars, which had both. Max Lee, Tom Lee and their attorney, Sam Bae made a presentation. They are part of a New York group. One of the owners observed that "liquor goes well with Thai food." Sura will have 120 seats and a trendy atmosphere; they anticipate that food will comprise 80%, and liquor 20% of their business, they will have takeout (food only). Hours will be 11:30am to 11:30pm Sunday through Thursday; Friday and Saturday they will be open to 12:30. Their website is at www.surachicago.com. Sura will open within 30 days, with or without a liquor license. SELVN's procedure of hearing presentations regarding liquor licenses at one member meeting and voting on the request at the subsequent meeting was explained. Because the owners had been misinformed, they were looking to have an exception made in their case; the City's decision will be made on May 10. York suggested taking a "sense of the meeting" vote and having the board make a decision before at their next meeting on May 1. The majority was in favor of granting Sura a liquor license, 0 were opposed, 2 abstained. Sura's sidewalk café will entail 6 tables, seating 2 people at each. Café users must buy food. There will be no lighting, and no outside music, and it will observe the same hours.
 - MOTION - Gary Gray moved that SELVN approve their request for a sidewalk cafe and Bruce Beal seconded it. The motion passed, in favor 21, opposed 0, abstaining 0.
 - On Saturday, May 5 at Wrigley Field (Cubs vs. Washington Nationals), 12:05 PM, there will be a fundraiser for SELVN. We buy 20 tickets at \$24.00 each, and the Cubs kick back \$12 per ticket. Bruce Beal is handling sales. Tickets are \$24 each; he can be contacted at bruceabeal@aol.com.
5. Presentation
 - The Lake View East Chamber of Commerce, Maureen Martino, Executive Director, and Greg O'Neil, owners of Pastoral presented results of their recent business survey. The upshot: more (and better-quality) businesses should be recruited to Lakeview East, through branding and marketing. For details, see attachment.
6. Announcements
 - There is concern about the future of the Century Mall; it is for sale.

- Blake Carlson (whose mother died in fire) Memorial Fund event – 19 April, 6 to 9 PM
Hi-Tops, 3551 North Sheffield, \$25 for entry, complimentary drinks and appetizers
All proceeds will be directed to the memorial fund. Silent auction also planned.
- Art Trolley Tour – 6 Galleries in East Lake View, Friday, 20 April – 5 PM to 10 PM
Info: www.lakevieweast.com
- Household chemical and computer recycling – Saturday, 28 April – 8 AM to 3 PM
DeVry University parking lot, 3300 North Campbell
- *Working Together, Keeping Lake View Healthy*, LVCC Health Fair – 28 April, 9 AM,
St. Luke School, Memorial Hall, 1500 West Belmont (accessible venue)
- Cardiovascular diseases lecture – 9 AM
- Screenings – blood pressure, cholesterol, diabetes – 10 AM – 12 noon
- Nettelhorst School Fundraiser – 1st Annual Wine Tasting and Silent Auction, 28 April, 5 to 8 PM
Mini Bar, 3341 North Halsted, tickets: \$65/person (\$75 at door)
Info: Tracy Wozniak, tracyjwozniak@yahoo.com or Stephanie Shrodts, theschrodts@yahoo.com
- 44th Ward Clean and Green – Saturday, 5 May – Roscoe west of Broadway
- LVCC Annual Meeting – May 15, 6 PM, at Sidetrack – the umbrella organization for all Lakeview neighborhoods.
- The Walgreens at Diversey & Broadway will add a second floor – it will be appropriate for a “P” intersection.
- Drop-off arrangement for old prescription drugs are being made by Alderman Tunney’s office.
- The next Membership Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 29 May 2007.

The meeting was adjourned at 8: 35pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Davis, Secretary

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Schedule for 2007 General Meetings:

Tuesday, May 29

Monday, July 9

Monday, August 20

Monday, October 1

Monday, November 12

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