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A FEW WORDS FROM OUR PRESIDENT ..

Greetings South Lakeview Neighbors,

Thanks to all of you who attended last month's meeting! It was great to hear from State Representative Ann Williams keeping us informed with what our government is doing for us! Or not doing for us! Change is good sometimes and there is a lot of that going on. Getting this information 1st hand makes it a little easier to get through them.

A large welcome to the Zoom Room Dog Center coming on Ashland Ave. We hope this works out for our neighbors in the area. They seem sincere in what they have told us and what they have planned. Welcome to the neighborhood!

It is always nice to see new business coming here. So many are leaving. We have lost Antique Palace, All State Insurance, Flourish and now The Gap is gone and I am sure I have missed a few others. They have removed the old McDonalds on Lincoln Ave. and started building a new place. Still no

MEETING AT A GLANCE November 12, 2013

Location: Basement - St.Alphonsus Church, 1429 W. Wellington Agenda: 7:00PM – Doors open 7:30 – Meeting begins

- 1) DIAG Bar Neighborhood Complaints / Owner & Alderman Response
- 2) Obamacare general info from PIRG
- 3) Lakeshore Sports Physical Therapy new business

information on the Target in the old Lakeview Bank Building.

I look forward to seeing you all at our next meeting on November 12th!

Perry

President - South Lakeview Neighbors

NOVEMBER 2013 MEETING PREVIEW

DIAG BAR - Southport/George St. - neighborhood issues

As previously reported, complaints from neighbors regarding DIAG were on the increase regarding late night noise and patron rowdiness.

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Eventually, DIAG was paid a visit from the Department of Business Affairs and was found to be in violation of several licenses including its retail food license, outdoor patio license and the use of sound equipment in the beer garden.

A hearing was held on September 20, 2013 regarding these issues. Elizabeth Gomez, Director of Outreach from Alderman Waguespack's office was in attendance. DIAG agreed to the following:

- 1) Remove speakers from the patio
- 2) Disconnected subwoofers and had a sound person check the bass level
- 3) Ordered another dumpster and scheduled an extra garbage pick-up
- 4) Order "Respect your neighbor" signs
- 5) Power washed alley
- 6) Will pick up trash near the bar.

Erik Baylis, partner in Big Onion Tavern Group and owner of DIAG will attend the November meeting to discuss improvements that have been made at DIAG. Elizabeth Gomez, Director of Outreach for Alderman Waguespack's office will officiate this meeting. The immediate neighborhood will be flyered.

Affordable Health Care Act (Obamacare)

Wondering how to get Health Care information. Illinois PIRG will make a brief presentation to answer questions about how to gain a better understanding of new health care options in the State of Illinois.

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Lakeshore Sports Physical Therapy, PC

Angela Wilson Pennisi, PT,MS.OCS will provide information of the health services offered by Lakeshore which recently opened on Southport across the street from the St. Alphonsus Church.

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AT OCTOBER 2013 MEETING

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Now in her 2nd term, Ms. Williams updated the membership on what's happening in Springfield. PENSION PROBLEMS:

The editor of this newsletter incorrectly reported that the unfunded State pension liability was \$100 million. My mistake, it is \$100 billion. Just a few zeros difference. This deficit is the worst in the nation according to the Chicago Tribune. Governor Quinn has pegged the unfunded amount increasing \$5 million per day.

Ms. Williams reports that the special committee has ideas, but differences in opinions, and therefore; cannot come to a consensus. There is fear that an unpopular solution near the upcoming elections will negatively affect the incumbents. On the bright side (dimly lit bright side), many of the pension shenanigans of the past: double dipping, excessive final year of salary and change of jobs for 1 day, all designed to inflate pension benefits have been eliminated. But as Ms. Williams said, "that was low hanging fruit." However, past abuses cannot be adjusted according to pension law. Remember that most pensioners are the life-long State employees that earned \$20-40,000 per year.

Ms. Williams commented that the Governor withholding the politicians pay checks was totally irrelevant to the issue, but it did improve Governor Quinn's popularity ratings.

GUNS

The Concealed-Carry Law has passed. Illinois is one of the last States to pass a law like this. Ms. Williams did not support the bill. Details of the law are still being figured out, like can I carry my gun into Starbucks while I am getting my mocha latte, skim milk, 1.5 teaspoons of Equal in a double cup. Hey jerk, quit talking so loud on your smart phone. Oh, yeah, well take this you moron. News at 10.

MARRIAGE EQUALITY ACT

Ms. Williams supports this legislation. It did not pass in the recent session. Recent reports indicated that it may not pass in the Fall veto session. Illinois would be the 15th State to legalize same-sex unions.

SCHOOL FUNDING

Ms. Williams worked with Local School Councils LSC in her district to understand how the schools are dealing with budget cuts and what line items in a budget are being eliminated (e.g. recess supervision). She is working at trying to fill the gap between the shortfalls. No schools were closed this last year in our District.

STATE BUDGET

Passed a balanced budget. She quoted a colleague from Arlington Heights that the State is in a pretty big hole, but we have stopped digging.

FAIR TAX AMENDMENT

Currently, Illinois has the flat 5% tax, which is not being rolled-back in the near future. It was the first income tax increase in about 30 years. The State is looking into a graduated income tax in order to increase overall revenue to the State while reducing the tax burden on lower and middle income residents.

The floor was open for questions. Most involved clarification of her positions on items previously reported on. She concluded that she was sorry that she was not really to report any real "good news."

Dog Training Center - Special Use Permit at Barry/Ashland strip mall.

Murguia ZR Chicago.LLC, d/b/a Zoom Room Chicago has applied for a special use with the

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Zoning Board of Appeals for the property located at 3055 N. Ashland Ave.

Ms. Patricia Murguia-Owner presented the plans for the business. Ms. Murguia has trained dogs for over 10 years. She noted that she is from Mexico and has wanted to open an indoor dog facility mainly because of the cold Chicago winters. The center will provide an indoor exercise area for dogs. The dogs can exercise side-by-side with their owners. Exercise classes may have up to 10 dogs and run about 30 minutes. Dog training will also be offered. In addition, the Center can be used as a social club for dog parties accommodating up to 35 dogs. Hours are 11AM-8PM, Monday-Friday and 9AM-4PM Saturday and Sunday. Joe Semerling, chair of the Neighborhood Development and (NDRC), Review Committee informed membership that the NDRC was in favor of the special use on a vote of 6 for to 1 against.

Questions and comments from the membership. As the SLN membership attempts to be "PC", it was noted that the dog bodily functions were described as pee or poo. No vulgarities. Neighbor on 1500 Barry near the Center noted that his parkway is already the recipient of the majority of the neighborhood dog stuff, because most of the other neighbors on the block have built flower boxes on the parkway. He was concerned that the front of his house and the alley will be absorbing gallons of dog urine and poo on top of the amounts already being deposited. Other members were concerned that the arriving dog owners would use the parking lot, the soon to open restaurant and adjacent buildings as pee

target areas. Another member noted that dog poo is one of rat's favorite entree and in her alley, dog owners often pick up the poo in bags, but just throw the bag on the ground. She has to go through her alley and pick up the bags. Members were also concerned if the business would patrol the area for dog poo deposits.

Ms. Murguia informed the members that the business suggests owners take care of their dog functions before arriving at the Center and they intended to police the area a couple of times a week. Upon suggestion that the policing be a daily event, the Owners attorney,

Mr. Lenny D. Asaro popped up and told the membership that he would draft language in the Special Use Permit to make this a condition of the Permit. Ms. Murguiaj also noted dog hand bags will be available at the Center and that dog owners that use this type of facility attracts conscientious dog

owners. A long-time SLN member stood up and noted that a vet and a dog grooming business have been on Lincoln Ave. for years with no complaints. Other than that, there were no positive comments from the membership supporting the proposal.

Vote: Do you support the Special Use permit: YES=23, NO=3, ABSTAIN=1. The results will be forwarded to the Alderman.

NOTE: From Alderman Waguespack's Newsletter: 7-12-030 Animal Shall be Restrained

- 1) Each owner shall keep and maintain their animal under restraint.
- 2) It shall be unlawful for any owner to allow their animal to cross outside the property line of its owner, to any extent, unless the animal is leashed and under control of its owner or another responsible person.
- 3) Any owner who violates any provision of this section is subject to fines of \$300-\$10,000, full restitution to the victim and incarceration not to exceed 6 months or be required to perform up to 100 hours of community service, or any combination thereof.

SLN would like wish Ms. Murguia good luck in her new business venture.

LATHROP HOMES: Final Draft?

Lathrop Community Partners (LCP) has finalized the plans for the redevelopment of Lathrop at Diversey and Clybourn.

The Development is now entering the Planned Development Phase during which the Developer meets with various city departments and the CHA to finalize the Master Plan. Community input is also a part of this Phase. Future meetings will be planned

Here are highlights of the current Plans: Total Units: 1,208 versus 1,600 original

Market rate: 504 - 41% Affordable: 212 - 17% Public Housing: 400 - 33% CHA Senior: 92 - 7% Total Parking Spaces: 780

The Final Plans include what the Developers describe as an "Iconic Building" providing focus at the bend of the Chicago River at the south end of the Project. The Plans and LCP do not indicate the

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The majority of the buildings north of Diversey remain and will be rehabbed. This appears to be in response to the preservationists to keep the historic buildings. The "Great Lawn" is mostly preserved. Retail and mixed-use buildings will occupy the corners of Diversey and Clybourn.

A large majority of the buildings south of Diversey are demolished and replaced by larger residential, retail and community centers. Streets off of Damen will be created.

There will be a new River Park, a midblock median on Diversey to increase pedestrian safety. Programmable public space and retail will attract visitors to the Project.

For detailed viewing of the plan to the Alderman's website at www.ward32.org.

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Commander Voulgaris

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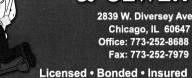
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Not much has changed at what formerly was Witt's except a few more TVs, a lot more beers, expanded menu and Sriracha Chile Sauce on the tables. This is still a sports bar.

I fondly remember our previous visit during the last South Lakeview Neighbors Pub Crawl. It was probably around the same time of year. We all hung out in the back enclosed patio while watching a football game and drinking beers. The patio is the same maybe with another big screen TV.

The menu consists of bar food with a good variety of offerings, from veggies, soups and hearty sandwiches. The Sloppy Jim (names for the owner Jim Burke) was spicy from the balsamic tomato sauce. My dining companion had the 2 Napkin Reuben. He declared, "One napkin would have sufficed". While enjoying his sandwich, he was delighted to find what normally would be Sauerkraut was replaced with something more slaw like, making it crunchy, which he said made it uniquely delicious.

Burke's was quiet on this Thursday evening with only a few regulars at the bar and one other couple seated at the tables. The majority of patrons were glued to the sport of their choice; 2 college football games, 1 pro football game, 1 NFL hockey game, the world Series and a bar trivia game. I chose to scan a little of each which only led me to delirium.

Service was pleasant and expedient. A good time was had, albeit we need to work off those waffle fries at the gym. Maybe during another pub crawl I may patronize this sports bar again.

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Just had the chopped Greek Salad, again. Tons of feta cheese, tomatoes, cucumbers and hard-boiled eggs. I have not had a better Greek salad in Chicago. Fran and Maria, of the Boudouvas Family, were running things when I came in. Mom and Dad (George) arrived for the PM shift. Still a family business. Johnny was probably at the health club. Though it is sad that our weekend summer cottage is closed, it is great to get back to my Sunday breakfast at S&G. Son #2-Steven H. and I highly recommend the LaBamba skillet. He likes his with

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