Late Night Musings from Barry Avenue,

I am going to talk about a few different issues in this month’s column - zoning changes and the NDRC [Neighborhood Development Review Committee], School Forum and the upcoming Veterans Day.

I get a lot of questions about our development review committee and I will try to answer most of them with my commentary. As current President of SLN I facilitate this committee composed of a small group of knowledgeable volunteers with expertise in legal, architecture, zoning and construction. The NDRC reviews development proposals, works closely with the alderman’s office and the developer, advises the SLN board and makes a recommendation to the general membership just prior to voting on the proposal. Our general guidelines are as follows:

- No zoning change occurs unless there is some kind of net tangible benefit to the neighborhood. Otherwise the current zoning map is maintained.
- Multi-family units other than 2 flats on our side streets are not considered to be in the best interest of the neighborhood. They are mainly limited to our busier streets.
- At least one off street parking spot per dwelling unit must be incorporated into the proposal. This is an important point and will be a deal killer.
- The completed project can not present any major imposition to the immediate neighbors. Besides the above the technical details/plans are reviewed with respect to zoning codes regarding height, density, floor space/lot size, front-rear-side setbacks.
etc. In addition construction materials, methods and design suitability are considered in an iterative process with the development team.

Remember – the legal authority for proposing a zoning change to the city council is under the purview of our alderman’s office. Alderman Scott Waguespack seeks our advisory input for all proposals and for the last 10 years has concurred with our advisory vote at least 95+%. Last month our membership voted positively on two zoning changes – commercial and 3 units at 2930 N Lincoln and 3 units at 3045 N Ashland. Currently there are two controversial proposals under NDRC review – very large single family at 1246 West George and a redevelopment plan for a lot split and additional single family at 1503 W George.

The November meeting will mainly be our 2nd annual School Forum. Principals from the various schools in our area will present their programs/achievements and answer questions. The deadline for school choice applications is Dec 15 so this is a very timely and informative presentation. You can read more about this event elsewhere in the newsletter.

One of the takeaways is that past actions of the NDRC with its orientation to low density and single family homes have resulted in higher income families moving into our boundaries. This has encouraged improvement in our schools which in turn has increased even further demand by families for our neighborhood. I think we now have more day care/pre school centers than bars.

Finally, I would like you to remember that Nov 11 is Veteran’s Day. If you have been a past reader of this column or heard me talk at meetings you know that I hold veterans in very high regard. If not for their service, life as we know it would not exist. Our freedoms, our country, our lifestyle and everything we have would not exist without the veterans who have heard the call to duty and in many cases made the ultimate sacrifice. If you know a vet, thank them for their service. If you see a uniformed serviceman or woman, buy them a drink, coffee or pick up their up their lunch tab. They will greatly appreciate it and you will feel better as well.

Mark your calendars for Tue Dec 12 for our fantastic Holiday Party at Will’s @ Racine/Nelson, 6:30 – 8:30pm. Free food and drinks for SLN members, families and friends who live within our boundaries.

Take care and be safe and feel free to let me know what you think, Sam

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Member Socializing - 6:30 to 7:00 in the Athenaeum Lobby.
The Athenaeum opens its bar for members to purchase some beer, wine or pop before the start of the monthly meeting. Come a little earlier to the meeting for some member socializing. Your purchase helps support the operations of The Athenaeum Theatre

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NOVEMBER 2017 MEETING - PREVIEW

School Forum
For the 2nd year, SLN has organized a School Forum where the parents can meet and listen to presentations from the Principals of the schools whose students are within the SLN boundaries. The forum will be moderated by SLN member and former CPS principal Bob Blitstein. The line-up includes:
Burly Grammar School  
Agassiz Grammar School  
Alphonsus Academy & Center for the Arts  
Grammar School  
Lakeview High School  

A question and answer session will follow the schools presentations.

AT THE OCTOBER 2017 MEETING

2930 Lincoln - Zoning Change:  
This is the Urban Vet Care building that has been vacant for about one year. The Developer already owns the property. The property is currently zoned B-3-2. This is also a non-conforming, short lot measuring 25'x115’(2,888 sq.ft.) versus a standard lot of 25’x125’(3125 sq.ft.). Under the current zoning, due to the shortened lot size, a 3-story building with commercial on the ground level and 2 units above can be built. The Developer proposed to build a 4-story building with commercial on the 1st floor and 3 single rental units above.

The Developer’s attorney presented to the membership. The lot is short due to the angular alley cutting in behind the lot. If the lot was the standard (3,125 sq.ft.) the proposed 4-story building would be allowed. The Developer decided against going for a zoning upgrade and instead are requesting a 10% "variation" as allowed under the zoning code to increase the square footage of the lot relating to the size of the building allowed to be built. Not so simply, the attorney explained that when a property is close to certain legal building requirements being met, a variation can be allowed. First, the Developer removed 250 sq. ft. from the overall livable space of the 4-story project by shrinking the size of the Project. Then the 10% variation to the lots square footage was invoked. 2,888 sq.ft. x 10%=289 sq.ft. Add that to the 2,888 and the variation square footage of the lot = 3,177, which is above the required 3,125 square feet required for a 4-story building. In addition to the variation, the Developer addressed the NDRC’s parking issue by reconfiguring the spaces to space 1 and 2 being tandem and space 3 next to that. This reconfiguration allows for the project's garbage cans to be kept within the Project's lot line.

Sam Samatas summarized the NDRC’s position on new developments in the SLN boundaries. The NDRC supports increased density on the major streets (Lincoln, Ashland and Belmont), that a development benefit the neighborhood which in this case it replaces a somewhat dilapidated frame building, and not cause a hardship to a neighboring building, which in this case is a 5-story building to the north. The NDRC supported the project as presented.

A secret paper ballot voted was taken.
In favor YES=17, against NO=4. An email was sent to Alderman Waguespack's office with the results.

The Developer plans indicate that the 3 rental units will have 3 bedrooms and 2 baths and be rented for $3,000-$3,500 per month. The Developer has hired a broker to fill the ground level retail space.

Editor’s Historical Note: My first apartment after moving out of the family house in 1979 was a crappy basement apartment on 1800 Henderson for $100/month. By 1986, before I got married, I had upgraded to a $350/month apartment on Waveland and Wayne around the corner from the recently reopened Music Box Theater.

3045 Ashland - Zoning Change:  
Formally the Fortune Teller building. The Property is currently zoned B-3-2. This a small non-conforming lot measuring 24’x107’ versus a standard lot of 25’x125’. Under the current zoning, a 3-story building with commercial on the ground level and 2 units above can be built. The Developer is requesting a zoning change to B2-3 which will eliminate the ground floor commercial requirement and allow for 3 condominium units. The 3 units would be 1st floor (duplex down to basement) with the 2nd and 3rd floor simplex units. The total height of the building would be the same as under the current zoning. The Developer indicated the garbage dumpsters would be housed near the back of the building and the owners would have to roll them out on garbage pick-up day.

Sam Samatas summarized the NDRC position. The NDRC agreed that a commercial space on Ashland would be a hard sell to fill, as there is no off street parking and Ashland busy, making it hard to parallel park. The NDRC was concerned about the garbage being lined-up in the alley, but the Developer addressed this issue. The NDRC was not totally enthused by the Project, but considering
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Alderman Waguespack 32nd Ward News  
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Some Notes from the 2018 City Budget Hearings:
1) Includes hiring 250 new police officers  
2) Upgrades to the 311-911 system to be paid through and increase in fees for all mobile and landlines in the City.  
3) $500,000 for new black and blue garbage carts. 18,000 can requests have not been delivered. Recycling rates are still below 10%.

Community Relations Strategy (previously called CAPS)
Beat 1933 - east of Lincoln Ave and west of Racine, Belmont to Diversey  
Next meeting is Tuesday, Nov. 14th at Illinois Masonic Hospital, 836 W. Wellington, 7th floor auditorium at 6:30pm  
Beat 1932 - east of Ashland and west of Lincoln, from Belmont to Fullerton

DECEMBER HOLIDAY PARTY PREVIEW
Mark your calendars  
December 12  
Will's Northwoods Inn under the Tent  
6:30-8:30PM

Flashback to 1960-1970-1980’s: The Developer opting out of commercial on the 1st floor reminds the Editor how the commercial landscape on the east side of 3000-3100 Ashland has changed. At 3100, was Robert Hall clothes store. It was one of the original big box stores in competition with Wieboldts and Goldblatts until the late 1970's. Now that building houses the day care center and strip mall at the corner of Barry and Ashland. Red Hot Ranch was a Johnnies Texaco/Citgo gas station with a cute alpine village design office. In the era when the attendant would pump your gas and clean your windows, my Dad used to say, you could get a tank of gas and your windshield greased by Johnnie's dirty window cleaning rag. School of Rock was Hoi’s Chinese Restaurant which eventually moved into the corner plaza then closed. I still have not been able to replace my love for the #4 lunch special. The owner used to call my son Steven "little Haderlein" (in a Chinese accent) when we ate there. The Art of Pizza Plaza was a foreign car repair business. When that plaza was built by a developer, The Art of Pizza only rented the small space where his counter is. It was the current counter and maybe two small tables, that is all. Now he owns the Plaza. The condos at corner of Ashland and Nelson was an Arby's. Then it was only the beef sandwich, plain or with cheese, the Arby-Q, horsey sauce and curly fries. If the "we have the meats" program existed then, I don't think we would ever have a home cooked meal. Las Reinas Restaurant (its name this year) at Wellington was Little Bucharest, a European restaurant (now located on Elston) which had a street fest in the 1980's and 1990's blocking off Wellington from Ashland to the alley for the whole weekend. The kids loved it, as they could play in the street, traffic free for two days. Bill Haderlein-Editor.

the condition of the current building and the short lot issues, they approved the Project.

A secret paper ballot voted was taken.  
In favor YES=16, against NO=5. An email was sent to Alderman Waguespack's office with the results.
Next meeting is Monday, Nov. 13th at the New Life Church, 1110 W. Lill at 7:00pm.

Beat 1931 - west of Ashland, between Belmont and Fullerton, to the Chicago River.
Next meeting is Wednesday, Nov. 15th at the 2452 W. Belmont Police Auditorium at 7:00PM.

Dates/times may change and you can call the office at 312-744-0064 with questions.

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SLN is looking for members to attend CAPS meetings and report to the membership either through the newsletter or at the membership meetings. Contact Bill Haderlein, editor at email=chicagolanddeck@rcn.com if you think you will be a regular CAPS meeting attendee.

**NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS/INFORMATION**

**National Runaway Safeline - National Runaway Prevention Month**
In October 2002, then President Bush hosted a landmark White House Conference on exploited and runaway children. The then current campaign was expanded into a month-long prevention and awareness campaign during the month of November.

The goals of the National Runaway Prevention Month (NRPM) are two-fold:
1) To raise awareness of the runaway and homeless youth crisis and the issues that these young people face and
2) To educate the public about the solutions and the role they can play in ending youth homelessness.

The National Runaway Safeline reports that between 1.6 and 2.8 million youth run away in a year. Many of these young people will end up on the streets. By supporting NRPM, you are showing America's runaway and homeless youth that they are not invisible or alone.

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**Fall Leaves Reminder**
Notes from the Alderman's office
1) Do not rake or blow leaves into the street. It creates more work for City sweepers and clogs up the drains. If you see a landscaper doing this, call 311 with name of landscaper and location.
2) Yard waste should be left in the alley in separate bags. Do not put in blue recycling carts, as it contaminates the recycling stream, or the black carts.
3) Call 311 or go on-line to let the Dept. of Streets and San. know that you have a leave bag pick-up. They will collect the bags for composting.

**Bank-Coffee-Cafe Combo - Capital One Cafe**
This editor logs a lot of miles up and down Southport just for leg-stretching walks and people watching. I have been intently watching the monster gut-rehab of the building at the NE corner of Newport and Southport. Originally the Newport Bar. Then the laundry mat moved in and Newport Bar moved next door. Then the laundry mat was taken over by a salon. The rehab is finally done and is christened the Capital One Cafe. The space combines banking with coffee drinking and light eating. All connected as one, with loft seating area on the 2nd floor, the cafe, operated by Peet's Coffee, is open every day of the week and you can access ATM's. The banking portion is open all banking days. What's in your wallet? (Samuel E. Jackson)
OTHER SLN INFORMATION

Block Captain Program - members needed for the 2017 season. Volunteer now.
Still looking for block captains to flyer their blocks for the monthly membership meetings. Good exercise. Full benefits. Seven membership meetings per year (Sept, Oct, Nov, Feb, Mar, April & May).
We currently have 14 block captains covering about 50% of the SLN territory.
Contact Bill Haderlein at the SLN email address = info@slneighbors.org. If you are interested in becoming a block captain

Restaurant News - Michelin-star awarded to SLN neighborhood restaurant
Michelin's star rating service awarded 1 star to Entente located at 3056 N. Lincoln. Michelin inspectors were impressed by Entente's creative comfort-classics. Michelin said Chef Brian Fisher and his kitchen staff experiences gained at other restaurants shows in their food and service. Only 25 restaurants in the Chicago were awarded star ratings. Two restaurants were awarded 3 stars, four restaurants were awarded 2 stars and 19 were awarded 1 star. Included in 1 star group are such super popular restaurants as Everest, Spiaggia and Rick Bayless' Topololampo. The rating service is published by the French tire company, Michelin (yes that tire company), for over a century. The acquisition or loss of a star can have dramatic effects on the success of a restaurant.

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DOM = Days on Market

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