FEW WORDS FROM OUR PRESIDENT …

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2) by mail to 1505 W. Oakdale
3) at the monthly membership meetings.

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Late night musings from Barry Ave

If you did not attend our season opener on Sept 11 you missed a very full, fast paced and interesting meeting. Local hot city issues were honestly reviewed by our alderman Scott Waguespack. The chaos in Washington was touched upon by Dem US Congressman Mike Quigley. City wide and local crime trends were anonymously presented via graphs and recorded voice by the secretive CWB bloggers. A large new mixed use commercial and condo development project, “3150 Southport”, at the By-Line bank property was reviewed by Maverk Development. If that wasn’t enough we also had a well received introduction to “Breakfast House”, a new and unique breakfast and lunch spot with a Latin flair housed in the old Temple Bar building at Ashland & Wellington. You will find more details on these presentations elsewhere in this newsletter.

Before I go on I would like to say something about development within our SLN boundaries. In many cases our development review group, the NDRC, deals with developers who are trying to “up zone” a property to increase salable units and/or the total square footage of the project. The attractiveness of our neighborhood with its’ low crime, good schools, low density, higher income and family orientation seems to feed this narrative. Our general operating principle [with some special case exceptions] is that zoning changes are not recommended unless there is some sort of compelling benefit to the neighborhood.

I mention this because I would like to point out and give credit to the principles of Maverk Development who purchased and is developing the corner By-Line Bank land at Southport and Belmont. They are building 13 luxury condos [with parking] on top of commercial space that will house the By-Line Bank branch. This is noteworthy because they are building “by right”, that is building to the limitations.
regarding dwelling units and height to their current B3-3 zoning. Up-zoning could have been requested for consideration but was not. I contrast this with what is happening directly across the street on the north side which is in the 44th ward, out of our jurisdiction. That building will be a high density 24 dwelling unit with ground floor commercial and with very few parking spaces [TOD]. I am sure many of our residents are relieved this type of development, either large “up zoning” or TOD [Transit Oriented Development] has not occurred yet in our neighborhood.

This would be a good time to mention that at our Nov 13th meeting a large mixed use development for the parking lot at Barry and Ashland just east of Burly School will be presented followed by an advisory vote. The size of the project is currently a moving target with 65 to 79 units or more projected. This will be an important presentation since it could dramatically change the housing in the immediate area. Mark your calendars.

Our upcoming Oct 9 meeting should also be very interesting and interactive. The relatively new El Tequilas Restaurant/Bar at 2836 N Lincoln will introduce themselves and will be requesting a “PPA” license, Public Place of Amusement, to allow for trivia nights and Mariachi music on weekends. This is a voting issue.

Also, the city is revamping the beleaguered 311 call center service. [Currently I think it is a black hole] A discussion, a proposal and a real chance by residents to offer input will be conducted by reps from the Dept of Innovation & Technology. I’m told some promo items – hats, pens, shirts etc. may be available and passed out to attendees?

Finally, the owners of an unusual sized lot at 2930 N Lakewood will be presenting their Single Family House proposal. They are requesting a zoning change from RS-3 to RS-3.5 to accommodate a 15% larger house on a very undersized non-conforming lot. This will be another advisory voting issue. [Their attorney is the same one that represents the Lincoln/Wellington funeral home developers – may be able to get additional status update]

Looking forward to seeing everyone on Oct 9. As always, feel free to tell me what you think. Take care, 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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OCTOBER 2018 MEETING - PREVIEW

El Tequilas Bar & Grill @ 2826 N. Lincoln - application for Public Place of Amusement (PPA) license

The owners of Tequilas Bar & Grill are applying for a PPA license. The owners have indicated they intend to have a mariachi band perform and have a trivia night. This will be a voting issue and the results will be forwarded to the Alderman.

2930 N. Lakewood - Upzoning request

This is a long-time vacant lot. The lot is significantly shorter than the standard 125ft Chicago lot, as it backs-up to the angle alley created by Lincoln Ave. The Owner/Developer is requesting a zoning upgrade from RS-3 to RS-3.5 which will allow for approximately one additional room. Due to the
shortness of the lot, there would be no back yard but it will have a garage roof deck as its outside area. This will be a voting issue and the results will be forwarded to the Alderman.

311 Call Center - Revamp
The City is revamping its’ 311 Call Center and Web-site at the end of 2018. The William Everett Group has partnered with the City on a community outreach campaign for the Revamp. They will be meeting with as many neighborhood groups and residents in the coming months to accumulate information for the improvements to come to 311. This editor has attempted to use the 311 site for fall debris pick-up and the removal of an unneeded garbage can. Neither of these choices were available on the 311 website and I wound up calling the Alderman’s office.

AT THE SEPTEMBER 2018 MEETING

9/11 Remembrance
The meeting began as usual with the Pledge of Allegiance. The Pledge was dedicated to the victims of the terrorist attack and the fire, police and first responder personnel that perished in the aftermath of the attack.

ALDERMAN SCOTT WAGUESPACK - STATE OF THE WARD
Alderman Scott Waguespack kicked-off the 2018-2019 SLN season with his annual address to the membership.

SLN President Sam Samatas noted that the Alderman has represented our Ward since 2007, when he squeaked by then sitting Alderman Matlak in a run-off election that stats showed the SLN neighborhood pushing Mr. Waguespack over the top.

Crime: The Alderman commented on the CWBChicago presentation noting he does read their blog. The Alderman noted that that City is big on pushing statistics when it comes to crime, but they do not reflect how crime feels to a neighborhood and the current level of violent crime is unacceptable on the Northside and City-wide. He related how faces recorded on video or security cameras shown on neighborhood crime alerts turn up as repeat offenders across many neighborhoods.

Infrastructure: Constant projects are going on until Winter. The biggest is the resurfacing of the Lincoln/Belmont/ Ashland intersection. There is the Master LBA Reconstruction Plan that is still being finalized and looking for funding. In the meantime, after this current resurfacing is completed, there will be some new street and pedestrian markings and turning restrictions implemented. The changes are designed to improve pedestrian and bike safety and give CDOT some actual feedback on how the Master plan may need to be adjusted.

The Lathrop Development at Diversey, Clybourn and Damen caused some major water main issues that are being addressed and is causing Diversey to be torn-up in the meantime.

City Council: The Alderman commented on the Mayor Emanuel $10 billion bond plan to fund the City Pension obligations. The Alderman noted that the Mayor being in a lame-duck administration may effect this issue being pushed through. The Alderman described how the Bond process has proceeded so far. The City Council was given a 5 page document on the Bond Issue. The first 4 pages described the pension areas that were currently underfunded, which was already known. Page 5 of the document described the actual Bond Issue. A one page explanation for $10 billion dollars. In essence, no real info, like the 100 year City Parking Meter deal. The Alderman noted that several other municipalities have tried this method for pension funding and it has failed. According to the Alderman, some issues involving the Bond Issue process are that it requires that the City raise tax revenues in other areas (property taxes?) and that Investors in the Bond issue must be paid back first before pension funding occurs. So he is opposed to voting on the Bond issue until more information is provided.

Progressive Caucus: The Alderman is part of a group of City Council Alderman demanding more transparency on voting issues. The Caucus is requesting an audit regarding the failure of the City's recycling program which he reports has devolved since the privatization from recycling 11% of waste to down to a current level of 7%.

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The Alderman commented on the ever increasing property taxes. The Alderman predicted that Democrat Fritz Kaegi will win the election for County Assessor and that will bring an end to the nepotism and property tax favoritism as practice by long-time Assessor Joseph Berrios. He also noted how many Alderman are in the business of property tax appeals which creates a huge conflict of interest.

Mayoral Race: When questioned by an SLN member, the Alderman stated that he is not running for mayor. The process of getting 20,000 signatures and needing 100,000 to 150,000 votes to get into a runoff was a little much at this time. He also stated he was not supporting any of the mayoral candidates as of the date of the SLN meeting. He said he has talked with some of the mayoral candidates and some of them are not top tier candidates.

Questions and Answers:
Herdegan Funeral Home - The Alderman’s office or Streets and Sanitation has ticketed the project several times for various infractions. He said they always pay the fines. He believes the project is now owned by a different LLC. We are in a wait and see mode as of now.

Update from the Alderman’s office - The Alderman’s office forwarded copies of two Building Permit Applications dated 6/26/18 for 3003 Southport (Herdegan) for $3.5 million and 3015 N. Southport for $3,545,930.

Sidewalks at Army Navy Store are decrepit and dangerous - The Alderman is aware of the issue which is affected by the vaulted (access to businesses underground from the front of the building) sidewalks. The City does not have an ordinance requiring a business owner to repair the sidewalks in front of their businesses.

City Lawsuit Settlements or Police Actions - The Alderman noted that once a police candidate graduates from the Training Academy there is no additional training. He stated that officers need retraining and additional training over their careers.

Term Limits - the Alderman is in favor of a two term limit for the Mayor, similar to the U.S. President but not term limits for the City Council.

Ashland BART Express Bus - as far as he knows, this is a dead issue.

Permit Parking as density increases with TOD buildings - He may start to consider some permit parking. But there would have to be a high neighborhood approval like 75% to consider it.

Diversey/Damen/Clybourn intersection with Lathrop Development - there will have to be some traffic studies once occupancy starts to build up.

Damen/Elston/Fullerton blight - he feels the new traffic pattern is working well. Chic-fil-A and Panera are expected to move into that area.

Student Pedestrian Safety at Ravenswood and Belmont viaduct - a member noted that a student was recently hit by a car. The Alderman will look into it.

PediCabs illuminated and blaring music - the Alderman will look into it.

CONGRESSMAN MIKE QUIGLEY - Surprise visit
The Congressman noted that he is rarely in town the week of the SLN meetings, so when he is, he tries to make to our meeting. He had just biked over from the Central Lakeview Neighbors meeting at Illinois Masonic. The Congressman stated that he has been attending neighborhood meetings in some governmental capacity since 1982.

The Congressman sits on the House Appropriations Committee and noted that $1 billion has been appropriated for the Red Line improvements and expansion and millions have been brought back to Chicago for various flood mitigation projects. He commented that he would like to be the Chairman of the Committee if the House flips in the November election.

The Congressman also sits on the House Select Committee on Intelligence. This Committee is overseeing the Mueller investigation into the Russian tampering of the 2016 Presidential Election. The Congressman feels that the U.S. may be heading into a Constitutional Crisis, where a sitting President pardons himself. But the Congressman stressed that everyone should try to remain calm and let Mueller do his job. All the extreme left and right TV voices are not helping anyone. He left the SLN membership with the following thought regarding the Mueller investigation:
investigation - 1) There are no coincidences and 2) Everything is tied to everything else.

CWBChicago - Crime is Wrigleyville and Boystown (and SLN) blog
The anonymous blog remained anonymous by presenting a video program on SLN crime stats to the membership. The site was founded in 2013 initially as “Crime in Wrigleyville and Boystown as a Public safety news site. The blogger commented on how the City is saying that crime is down. The blogger said that is true only because violent crime was at an all time high 5-6 years ago in 2012-2013. He also noted that the stats the city touts are citywide, not neighborhood by neighborhood. CWB analysis showed that for 2012 to present, total crime totals are at 6 year highs in the Loop, Near North and up in Lincoln Park just south of SLN. Robbery and aggravated assault is down in the Lakeview area due primarily to the Police Departments response to pressure applied by the Boystown community. CWB was able to provide crime stats within the SLN boundaries. Since 2013 to 2017(full year), robberies are down 19 to 9. However, a robbery crew was responsible for 3 robberies on one day in early 2018. Battery of all types is flat. Violent crime is down 22 to 10. Theft is up due mainly to an increase in shoplifting at the Jewel.

Editors comment: So the City and the Police Department are telling us the crime is down. However in the last few months within the SLN boundaries, two SLN members have been robbed at gunpoint, a mugging occurred on a mid-Saturday morning across the street from my house, and two gunpoint car jackings occurred, one of them in the Jewel parking lot. We just don’t see the police presence in the neighborhood, police cars cruising through alleys and what was maybe once considered a joke but really isn’t, no police eating at Dunkin Donuts. So if crime is down, we do not feel it in the SLN area. Be careful and mostly be alert out there. But still, get out and enjoy the weather while you can.

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BREAKFAST HOUSE - Ashland & Wellington - New business
Team Owner, Milo introduced the restaurant to the membership. The Breakfast House is a family owned business featuring home cooked meals. Specialties are french toast, supreme chorizo omelet, fried chicken and waffles and the huevos rancheros as seen on Chicago's Best. Most entrees are between $10-$14. Open for breakfast and lunch at 7AM (7:30 Sat.-Sun.) to 3PM. Serving delicious Intelligensia coffee.

ATHENAEUM THEATRE - Fall Season
Jeff DeLong, Marketing & Development Director of the Athenaeum Theatre, gave a presentation. The Theatre will be 107 years old this November!. Coming attractions include:
1) Lindsey Buckingham - formerly of Fleetwood Mac and one of the greatest guitar players and songwriters of our time - Wed, Oct 17
2) Slate Magazine presents Slow Burn Live in Chicago - a discussion about how the Clinton era looks through modern eyes - Fri, Oct 26
3) Stephanie Miller’s Sexy Liberal Blue Wave Tour - Stephanie is joined by John Fugelsang and Margaret Cho - if you want to be a part of creating the big blue wave that is going to hit Congress in Nov., see this show on Sat, Oct 27.

For more information call 773-935-6860 or visit https://athenaeumtheatre.org.

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Pop-up Business Licenses
An Ordinance was introduced into the City Council to create a new license to allow for the operation of short-term “pop-up” stores, including restaurants. This will allow entrepreneurs to have a chance to test concepts without the burden of a long-term lease or license. If approved, the new license will provide the option of a 5-30-90-180 or 365 day license. Currently, business owners must obtain a 2-year license.

The Alderman believes this Ordinance will help give a push towards filling empty storefronts as well
as helping new owners the ability to spread their creative wings.

Community Relations Strategy (previously called CAPS)
Beat 1933 - east of Lincoln Ave and west of Racine, Belmont to Diversey
Next meeting is Tuesday, Nov. 13th at 6:30 pm 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
Next meeting is Monday, Nov. 12th at 7:00 pm 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. 21st at 7:00 pm at the 2452 W. Belmont Police Auditorium.

Dates/times may change and you can call the office at 312-744-0064 with questions.
Twitter = ChicagoCAPS19
Email = caps019district@chicagopolice.org
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Community Policing Office
Sgt Mary Hein
Email: mary.hein@chicagopolice.org

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

Halloween Party @ South Lakeview Playlot (Blue Park)- 10/21/2018
Mark your calendars kiddies. The best Halloween party on the Northside will be held at the Blue Park Playlot at Wolfram and Lakewood, Sunday, October 21 from 10AM to Noon. Get to bed early the night before so you can get your costume ready on Sunday morning. Rainout date is 10/28.

Lakeview Chamber of Commerce (SSA 27)
1409 W. Addison
www.lakeviewchamber.com 773-472-7171
Annual Mutt Strut - The Chicago Canine Rescue, whose mission is to save the lives of injured, neglected and unloved homeless dogs in the Chicago area and Midwest, is putting on their Annual Mutt Strut. On Saturday, Oct 20th from 11am to 3pm, hundreds of dog lovers will fill the streets of Southport Corridor, starting at 1350 W. Newport, for an 80’s themed 1.5 mile walk and block party.

OTHER SLN INFORMATION

Membership Renewal Now
Members: please renew your membership using the enclosed MEMBERSHIP FORM or go to SLN’s website at www.slneighbors.org and renew and renew on-line. You must be a PAID MEMBER in ORDER to VOTE on the NEIGHBORHOOD ISSUES

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Joseph Florence - Commodity Futures Broker
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Waxman Candles
Breakfast House - Breakfast & Lunch

Block Captain Program - members needed for
the 2017-18 season. Volunteer now.
Still looking for block captains to flyer their blocks
for the monthly membership meetings. 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 =
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We look forward to working with you!

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