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The property is currently zoned M1-2 (Manufacturing) left over from when the area had manufacturing businesses on the major streets. Mercy would like to rezone the parking lot through a Planned Development (PD) with the new underlying zoning of B2-5 in order to support the new construction and rehab of the existing building.

The immediate area will be flyered regarding the issue. This will be a voting issue and the results will be forwarded to the Alderman.

Mayoral Candidate Drop-In

SLN has invited the Chicago Mayoral candidates to appear at the February Membership Meeting. Any candidate that accepts the invitation will be allowed a 10-minute presentation with a short session for questions. As of the print date of the newsletter, candidates Lori Lightfoot and Paul Vallas have accepted the invitation contingent on their daily schedule changes. Gery Chico, Gary McCarthy and Amara Enyia have been in contact with SLN regarding the invitation.

Aldermanic Election Note: Since the early 2000's, SLN has sponsored an Aldermanic Forum for the Aldermanic election candidates. However, incumbent Alderman Scott Waguespack is running unopposed. Congratulations in advance.

Lincoln/Belmont/Ashland(LBA) - Results of Survey of SLN Members on New Traffic Changes

The results from the SLN Survey on the Lincoln/Belmont/Ashland Survey have been tabulated. 204 responses were recorded through SurveyMonkey. This was combined with the results from the November 2018 Membership Meeting and hard copy surveys sent to non-email SLN members for total responses of 232. An article recapping the results and some of the issues was published in the January 9, 2019 edition of the Inside-Booster Neighborhood Newspaper. Here are the results:

- 1) Are you in favor of keeping the new No Left Turn from Lincoln Ave.?
IN FAVOR - 29.6% AGAINST - 70.4%

- 2) Are you in favor of narrowing the intersection to reduce the distance for pedestrians?
At Lincoln Ave.
IN FAVOR - 36.2% AGAINST - 63.8%

- 3) Are you in favor of narrowing the intersection to reduce the distance for pedestrians?
At Ashland Ave.
IN FAVOR - 44.4% AGAINST - 55.6%

Regarding the dotted bike lanes on Lincoln Ave. through the intersection -

What would you prefer for Lincoln Ave. at the LBA intersection?

- Both dotted yellow center line AND dotted white lines for bikes - 54.2%
- Dotted yellow center line, but NO white lines for bikes - 19.0%
- Dotted white lines for bikes, but NO yellow center line - 10.2%
- Neither yellow or white lines through the intersection - 16.6%

- 4) Are you in favor of banning the hairpin turn from Ashland Ave. to Lincoln Ave.?
IN FAVOR - 68.2% AGAINST - 31.8%

- 5) Are you in favor of the delayed left turn arrow from Ashland Ave.?
IN FAVOR - 93.6% AGAINST - 6.4%

- 6) Are you in favor of the use of temporary bollards prior to the building of actual concrete curbs
IN FAVOR - 33.8% AGAINST - 66.2%

- 7) Are you in favor of removing a few parking spots on Lincoln Ave. near the LBA intersection to allow for cars to align for right turns?
IN FAVOR - 79.1% AGAINST - 20.9%

At this time, the SLN Board is in the process of meeting with the Alderman's office and CDOT regarding the results of the Survey.

Thanks to Bill Haderlein who composed the Survey, Ed Silverstein who generated the Survey Monkey and Steve Stern for disseminating the Survey to the SLN members.

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