

Jefferson Park Neighborhood Association (JPNA) Newsletter for Winter/Spring 2021/2022



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General Meetings:

- March 30: John Garrido from Garrido Rescue Foundation (he may bring a dog) Visitor Tina Wallace running for Illinois Representative will be introducing herself.
- April 27: Rep. Lindsey LaPointe, update from the legislature.
- May 25: Cook County Commissioner Bridget Degnen.
- June 29: TBD.

LONG AND ARGYLE - Then and Now

By Colleen Murphy

The JPNA and area neighbors would like to thank Alderman Gardiner for down-zoning the property at LONG AND ARGYLE back to single / two flat homes.

Zoning determines what type of building can be put on a piece of the land. 'Up-zoning' means that more people or units can be placed in the same space. In the case of Long and Argyle 7 single family homes being replaced by 48 single family rental units. Alternatively, down-zoning refers to fewer units that can be put in the same space. The Chicago Zoning Ordinance Purpose and Intent states:

"promoting the public health, safety and general welfare
preserving the overall quality of life for the residents and visitors
protecting the character of established residential neighborhoods "

For copy of Chicago Zoning Ordinance: http://www.jpna.net/docs/Chicago-Zoning-Ordinance_2014.pdf

In 2014 Alderman Arena announced he was in favor of changing zoning from 7 single family/2 flat homes to a 4 story, 48 unit rental apartment building being built on the northeast corner of Long and Argyle. Back in 2014 JPNA received over 1500 petition signatures opposed the up-zoning and proposed building. Neighbors within a mile away from the proposed location were almost always against the proposed building. Petition circulators reported that 95% of those they approached signed the petition.

Despite widespread community opposition, Alderman Arena changed the zoning (up-zoning) to build 48 units rental property.

Up-zoning sets precedent for larger buildings and denser populations. Developers make more money when they build more units in a space. If 48 units are built on the northeast corner of Long and Argyle, which is on a block of single family homes and 2 flats, developers and zoning attorneys will seek more up-zonings in our area.

Up-zoning at Long and Argyle has the identified following problems:

- Increased amounts of traffic and less available parking on our busy side streets
- School Overcrowding. Beaubien and Taft are the schools that serve the Long and Argyle area. I have 2 children who are currently in high school and 37-38 kids in a class were common when they attended Beaubien. Taft High School has the same overcrowding issues

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(This information is transcribed in part directly from the bracelet application).

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LONG AND ARGYLE - Then and Now (Continued)

- *The area is prone to flooding so large buildings will increase the chances of more basement floodings*
- *Some people are concerned about less sunlight, obstructed views, crime increases, and lowered property values*

JPNA requested that Alderman Gardiner downzone the property back to where it was. GARDINER RECENTLY DOWNZONED THE LONG AND ARGYLE PROPERTY TO 7 SINGLE HOMES OR 7 TWO FLATS!

Alderman Gardiner shares building proposals with the respective neighborhood groups in its area and then has a community meeting to get opinions of the community. Alderman Gardiner respects and follows community wishes as for zoning matters. I appreciate the effect of his hard work and efforts to maintain the character of our community and its positive effect on the quality of life for Jefferson Park. Thank you, Alderman Gardiner!

Neighborhood Business You Should Know

'One of our very Own!' - Abode Gutter Cleaning Service


Our board member, Steve Neidenbach, is the owner of this local business. Steve is also a local resident here, having lived in this area most of his life. He graduated from Beaubien Grammar School, Schurz High School and local community colleges. He started his business in the fall of 1987. The business grew by 'word of mouth' through happy and satisfied customers and advertisements in our local papers.

In addition to cleaning gutters, he checks downspouts, does minor repairs, minor tree trimming and ivy removal. All work is done by off-duty firefighters and the business is fully insured. You can contact Steve of Abode at (773) 775 -3336.

JPNA Board Members

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Regular: \$15 (1 Year); \$25 (2 Year); \$30 (3 Year)

Senior (55+): \$10 (1 year); \$15.00 (2 Year); \$20 (3 Year)

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