ASCO Report to Park Tower Board, April 2022

Shape the future of Broadway: Community Planning

The second of three community meetings focusing on the future of the Broadway corridor in the 48th Ward will take place at the Broadway Armory on Saturday April 30th from 10-noon.

All area residents are invited. Topics include: bike lanes, parking & traffic, public transportation, cafes with outdoor seating and other types of businesses you'd like to see on Broadway.

The first meeting, on April 2nd at Senn High School was well attended and well organized.

Coffee & donuts are served!

Shape the future of Broadway!

Join us for a three-part proactive community planning process to discuss opportunities for development in our neighborhood!

April 2nd Senn High School, 5900 N. Glenwood

Registration at 9:30 am, meeting 10 am-12 pm

April 30th Broadway Armory, 5917 N. Broadway

Registration at 9:30 am, meeting 10 am-12 pm

May 21st Broadway Armory, 5917 N. Broadway

Registration at 9:30 am, meeting 10 am-11:30 am

Additional Topics in the 48th Ward Alderman Osterman will attend ASCO's annual meeting on April 19th to provide updates and hear concerns.

Topics: the Broadway corridor, upgrades to the lakefront, the possibility of installing speed cameras on Sheridan Road, safety in the ward and concerns about tents & homeless people in the park.

Some residents living on Sheridan Road between Berwyn & Bryn Mawr continue to express concern about tents in the park behind our residences. One resident said, "Given that children play in this area, and as the weather gets warmer, I would rather not see (the area) become a tent city for homeless men." Another resident expressed concern about the value of our homes being adversely affected by the presence of the tents.

According to the Alderman's office, "We will continue to visit the tents and try & surround these individuals with the social services they desperately need. They can't be forced to move or be arrested."

--Dan Luna dan@48thward.org

Saturday April 23rd is 48th Ward Earth Day. Residents are encouraged to help clean up the parks. For more information contact the alderman's office. 48thward.org

The Colvin House

The Colvin House, the Chicago landmark building at Sheridan & Thorndale, continues to have FREE concerts on Tuesday evenings 6:30-8:30pm. In May, the Colvin Concerts are moving outdoors to the courtyard. A donation is suggested. "Angela" who runs Colvin House encourages residents to attend the concerts. At last Tuesday's concert there were 20 attendees.

Additionally, Angela is having issues with the city of Chicago zoning board. There are "new" people on the zoning board who are questioning the current zoning status B-1. They are saying the current zoning is not appropriate and needs to be upgraded to B-3.

ASCO is supporting the approval of the zoning upgrade to B-3. This upgrade would satisfy the concerns of the zoning board and allow for a few changes at Colvin House such as: the ability to charge a fee for concerts and using the current kitchen to make and sell food.

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