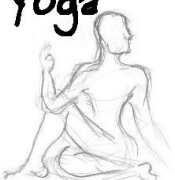



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<p>Jefferson Park Neighborhood Association P.O. Box 30072 Chicago, Illinois 60630-0072 773-282-3879 jpna@jpna.net www.jpna.net</p> 
<p>Upcoming Events</p> <p>General meetings: October 29 – Commander Bay of the 16th District (tentative) November 19 – NOTE: date change due to Thanksgiving holiday; speakers will be neighborhood culinary specialists December 17 – Holiday party at Paterno's</p> <p>All general meetings are free and open to the public and are held at the Jefferson Park Congregational Church, 5320 W. Giddings, in the basement auditorium at 7 pm on the last Wednesday of each month. Refreshments are provided.</p>
<p>Volunteers needed!</p> <p>Farmers Market Task Group – if interested, contact Merril at merrillynnmiller@zoho.com</p> <p>Education Task Group – if interested contact Lotty at BCarlotty@yahoo.com or 773-736-1702</p> <p>TIF Zoning Task Group – if interested send us a note at JPNA@jpna.net</p>
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In the ZONE

The good, Bad, and UGLY about Pedestrian Street

Written by the JPNA Zoning/TIF Task Force

Some of you may have seen Public Notice signs going up along Lawrence between Lipps and Long to re-designate Lawrence to a "Pedestrian Street." The zoning task force of the JPNA has received several calls regarding this, specifically on what changing the designation means and what effects it will have along Lawrence.

The Pedestrian Street designation restricts strip centers, curb cuts, drive through, car washes, and warehouses. It also restricts parking by allowing it only in the rear of the business or residential building. On the surface the new designation seems to be good for the neighborhood by making it more curb appeal friendly. In reality there are exceptions to the curb cuts such as banks and drive through tellers. In addition under the existing zoning all the restrictions under the pedestrian street cannot be built on the street without the Alderman's approval. Therefore, there is no additional benefit the Pedestrian Street provides to people living in Jefferson Park.

Under the new "Pedestrian Street" designation it reduces off-street parking for existing building and new construction from 50% and 100%, respectfully. It allows for increased density under B-3 and in some cases B-2 zoning. Most of the property along Lawrence is B-2 zoning. It also extends the length of reduction from a CTA/Metra rail entrance from 600 feet to 1,200 feet. What this means is that the new designation allows for more stores and living spaces. People going to the buildings on Lawrence to live and work will have no choice but to park on the side streets.

Mega Group has a long history with the Jefferson Park area. Mega Group purchased thriving buildings along Lawrence, evicted the tenants, and bull-dozed the buildings. The purpose was to construct 6 to 10 story structures along Lawrence. Mega Group also owns Veterans Square and the lot that is being used for parking on Lipps. Past plans have shown the desire of the group to build a parking structure beyond the prevailing B-2 to B-3. The Pedestrian Street would make the argument to build a taller parking facility along Lipps due to need. The ramifications of this would be two structures of B-3 giving taller building a foothold in the area. It would also allow Mega Group to remove the existing Veterans Square parking area and build a structure without parking restrictions due to lessened parking restrictions for a new parking structure.

Due to the negative impact and no benefits to the neighbors and existing businesses, the JPNA Task Force is opposed to the Pedestrian Street. Information regarding the zoning was obtained from sections 17-3-0400, 17-3-0500, 17-3-0503, 17-3-0402-BMLA, 17-10-0102-B, 17-13-1003-EE.

A DAY OF SERVICE AT OLIVE'S GARDEN

A few months ago, The Congregational Church of Jefferson Park, instituted a 5th Sunday "Workshop", meaning that the Congregation would leave the church building on a fifth Sunday of the month, and find projects in the community where we could be of service.

The first "Workshop" Sunday took place at Jefferson Memorial Park cleaning up garbage, unclogging sewers along the curbs, etc. When it was time to find a project for our next "Workshop" Sunday, we reached out to the Jefferson Park Neighborhood Association, Eva Skowronski, in particular, and she suggested that we contact Andy Brecklin, caretaker of Olive's Garden.

We were informed that Sundays were harvest days in the garden, and that Andy was always looking for a few extra hands. We contacted Andy and arranged to meet him in the garden on Sunday, August 31st, for a Sunday of harvesting.

Approximately sixteen members of The Congregational Church of Jefferson Park, many of whom are members of the JPNA, descended on Olive's Garden, and for a good hour we dug, tugged, picked and snipped, until we had harvested everything we could for that day, and loaded up Andy's truck, so it could get packaged for delivery to a local food pantry.

This is not just a "feel good" story. This is a story of a community coming together to get something accomplished for the greater good.

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