

Accomplishments in Advocacy - 2014

INTRODUCTION

The Lincoln Park Chamber of Commerce (LPCC) engages elected officials, City Hall and the community in support of a strong business community. As a benefit to membership, the LPCC offers a unified, pro-business voice to enhance the already vibrant Lincoln Park business community.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN ADOCACY – 2014

- **HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY**
 - Supported Geek Bar's applications for liquor and public place of amusement licenses
 - Supported Devil Dawgs' business model and facilitated discussion between the owner, the Alderman's office and Chicago Police Department to manage and ensure realistic expectations from neighbors

- **DEVELOPMENT**
 - Children's Memorial Hospital
 - Organized members, drafted talking points, submitted press statements and drove attendance in support of community-wide presentation
 - Distributed a statement to media, online and through social media supporting current plans after minority group filed lawsuit against the proposed project
 - Advocated in support of a zoning change for Lakeview Pantry's new facility that will enable them to provide more meals than ever before

- **TRANSPORTATION**
 - Encouraged Aldermen to consider the impact of Bus Rapid Transit on businesses along and near the proposed route along Ashland Avenue
 - Joined the coalition of organizations and elected officials working to bring the #11 Lincoln Avenue bus back to service
 - Advocated against a bill that would mandate certain gas stations to provide E-15 gasoline

- **RETAIL**
 - Monitored State of Illinois and City Council minimum wage debates and surveyed membership before deciding to remain neutral on the issue
 - Surveyed Lincoln Park consumers to better understand spending trends and analyze retail, restaurant and services needs along major commercial corridors
 - Worked with community leaders and Whole Foods staff to assist in opening of second Lincoln Park location

- **COMMUNITY**
 - Worked to stop legislation that would have impeded access to Freedom of Information Act requests at the State level
 - Worked with the DePaul Neighborhood Advisory Council and community leaders for on-going, transparent planning and dialogue about the future of DePaul University and its impact on the Lincoln Park neighborhood
 - Expanded relationship with Choose Chicago, Green City Market, Chicago History Museum and other tourist entities in Lincoln Park to strengthen our community and drive traffic to the neighborhood
 - Organized Candidates Forums for the 43rd and 2nd Ward Aldermanic Elections.