

Steve's Snappin' Dog

Ok, so it is not the boardwalk in Coney Island or even Grant Park in Chicago, but Steve's Snappin' Dog gets an A for both trying to create an atmosphere conducive to al fresco hot dog eating and a menu that is varied and interesting. On the corner of East Colfax and Monroe this no frills eatery may slowly become the new hot spot as developers begin moving into the neighborhood upgrading the housing and eateries.

On my first visit, ok, so how many Home Depot or Sam's Club dogs can you eat before you long for the real deal, I tried the Atlanta "Slaw Dog". The kitchen staff starts with either a blend of pork and beef or a "kosher style" all beef or Thumann's brat and layers a nice layer of chili con carne, cheddar jack cheese, red onions and cool and tangy coleslaw. The layering of flavors within the grilled bun gave me some real crunch. The accompanying lightly fried (no batter) green beans added some veggie to the meal; ok so not exactly what the food police had in mind. One guest had the Denver "Burrito" dog which had a faint resemblance to my order but added jalapeno peppers, sliced bacon, sliced tomato and shredded romaine lettuce all wrapped in a flour tortilla. Our third compatriot, a soon to be college grad stayed to her diet and had the Jersey Dog, in honor of her upcoming and first trip to New York. Spicy mustard, green relish, caraway kraut, red onions and sliced bacon should serve her well as an introduction to New York's top hot dog stands.

Steve recognizes that civilization needs more than just hot dogs so he has a wide menu of other dishes including burgers, Philly Cheese Steaks, a veggie burger and a small breakfast menu that is served all day. No meal would be complete without chocolate and Steve offers a frozen hot chocolate, Famous Amos cookies and a frozen banana on a stick, all dipped first in chocolate and then a variety of other delights.

All the dining is done under a roof top which does nothing to block the noise of Colfax but certain does keep the sun out of your eyes.

Open from 11 a.m. until 9 on Monday-Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. until 11 p.m. and Sunday from 11-6 p.m. they take Visa and Mastercard.

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