Lake View Citizens’ Council

June 7, 2018, meeting minutes

 *Mike Raffety, secretary*

Heather Way Kitzes called the meeting to order. A quorum was not present. The following board members were present:

David Byrd

York Chan

Greg Kawliche

Tom Kelley

Heather Way Kitzes

Dorothy Klees

Chester Kropidowski

Kevin Lakomy

Maureen Martino

Scott Miller

Beth Murphy

Michael Raffety

Michael Sewall

Abby Sullivan

Jan Sumrall

Michael Zink

Members introduced themselves.

Transportation committee (Chester): The “Redefine Lake Shore Drive” project continues to meet and plan, the next task force meeting is July 10. There will be a public meeting in October or November. A few streets in zone 383 are under study to change from night-time to 24x7 zone parking, more ideas are being explored. Irving Park and Seminary intersection will get the crosswalk painted, and other signage may be added. The Cars2Go and scooter sharing programs are progressing.

SELVN: New restaurants opening.

ELVN: Alderman Cappleman says the development on Sheridan is progressing, Ace hardware building will get started late this year/early next year.

CLVN: They’re talking about the courthouse closing. Lots of zoning issues are being reviewed. There’s been movies in Hawthorn Park.

TN: Board election meeting/picnic is on Wednesday at Space Park on Roscoe, 7 PM.

WLVN: Looking into a new street fest after Labor Day on Lincoln Avenue.

Lakeview East Chamber of Commerce (Maureen): Wheelhouse Hotel applied for the liquor license, should open soon. Pride parade will be on the same route, similar procedures as last year. Met with the CTA for the RPM project, anticipating a popup community garden on Wilton Street, and partnering with Thresholds for some art, and parking on Clark Street. Talking to Belmont theaters about a Halloween event, possibly a haunted house. The city wants to allow mobile food trucks in the district. Security teams are back on their summer schedule.

Cubs (Heather): Cubs won today. Home on the Fourth of July, good tickets are available. Gallagher Way programming is up and running, Wiggle Works, farmers market, movies, and more. The hotel and all restaurants are open. Cubs Charities is doing a second year of the school matching grants.

Alderman Tunney (written report from Chris Jessup): The police department June staffing report is not yet available. The Belmont Avenue courthouse closure is still the subject of detailed rumors, and if it closes, it will have a negative impact on crime and defendants alike, requiring those charged with crimes and their victims to travel further. The alderman’s office is strongly against the closure. Chicago city stickers and key cards will be available at the alderman’s office on June 21, 11 AM to 3 PM. The 2018 pride parade will be on Sunday, June 24, planning meetings are underway, it will look very much like last year.

Friday, June 15, is police appreciation day, serving meals to all three shifts of officers. If you’re interested in volunteering, contact Jan Sumrall.

Next meeting is August 2 at the 19th district police station. Meeting adjourned.