Lake View Citizens’ Council

February 13, 2020, meeting minutes

*Mike Raffety, secretary*

Kevin Lakomy called the meeting to order. A quorum was present. The following board members were present:

Chester Kropidowski

David Byrd

Dorothy Klees

Greg Kawliche

Heather Way Kitzes

Jan Sumrall

Kevin Lakomy

Mark Knight

Mike Raffety

Scott Miller

Terie Kata

Tim Lindsay

Will DeMille

Treasurer (Mark): No income coming in, but minimal expenses.

Minutes: The previous month’s minutes were approved.

ELVN (Terie): Very successful meetings, lots of people, just had elections. Might have a candidate introduction forum (not a debate). The boundary change for including most of Belmont Harbor Neighbors was approved. Tearing down the old Treasure Island has begun.

CLVN (Dorothy): Tom McCalley made a presentation about 2928 N Sheffield (at Oakdale, was a cleaners), will be converted into a restaurant with a liquor license. They will be asking the alderman’s office for better CTA security. Merlo library is expected to open April 1. They’re lobbying for a stop sign at Mildred and Wellington.

Chester: The ward is updating their master plan, factoring in scooters and other transportation changes. Chester is representing LVCC for this effort.

Cubs (Heather): March 30 is the home opener. The ice-skating rink closes Sunday, Feb. 16. There will be a family-oriented St. Patrick’s Day party on the plaza. Bricks & Ivy, the annual Cubs charity gala, is on April 20 (was at Navy Pier previous years), and there will be tents set up on Gallagher Way. The Sports Plaza Ordinance was approved, they can now also sell liquor, but did not get extended hours. They can have up to 12 high-impact events, including 5 concerts.

At large appointments: Moved by Mike Raffety to appoint Erica Pear and Chester Kropidowski as at-large members for terms ending in 2022, motion passed. (Chester is shifting from being an ELVN representative to at-large.)

Crime discussion: There was a shooting near the corner a 4 AM bar named Tai’s Til 4 (3611 N Ashland), which has a history of many police calls in recent years. The alderman’s office is working with the police and liquor commission to ensure this does not continue.

Candidate forum (Greg): The 44th ward-sponsored forum for the state house 12th district had about 120 people, a full theater. Ours is on Feb. 24, doors open at 6:30 PM. We need volunteers! Discussing whether and how to record it. Please share the info widely in social media. It will be moderated by Sally Schulze from FOX-32 television.

Redefine the Drive (Chester): Next meeting is March. There will not be a Briar Place tunnel under the drive.

Next meeting is on April 2 at 6:30 PM, at the 19th district police station, 850 W. Addison. Meeting adjourned.