Lake View Citizens’ Council

August 13, 2020, meeting minutes

 *Mike Raffety, secretary*

Kevin Lakomy called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM. A quorum was present. The following board members were present:

Chester Kropidowski

Dillon Goodson

Dorothy Klees

Erica Pear

Heather Way Kitzes

Jan Sumrall

Kevin Lakomy

Mark Knight

Michael Zink

Mike Raffety

Steve Stern

Susan Radzinowicz

Tim Lindsay

Tom Kelley

William DeMille

Chester moved to approve last meeting’s minutes, seconded, approved.

President’s report (Kevin): Slow grind, not much to add.

Treasurer’s report (Mark): Insurance, mailbox and PayPal bills paid. The bird sanctuary has been financially part of the LVCC for 20 years, mainly as pass-through.

Alderman Tunney’s office (Kevin): Our main contact, Chris Jessup, has left the city.

SLVN (Steve): They have a September meeting planned on Zoom, no in-person meetings until 2021. Working on collecting member renewals and producing their newsletter for about 800 recipients.

ELVN (Michael Zink): July had a board-only meeting, but otherwise a membership meeting every month, with lots of elected officials joining. Howard Brown project proposed for Cornelia and Halsted.

SELVN (Jan): Not much, virtual meeting in September, with Congressman Quigley and Alderman Tunney and Senator Feigenholtz planned. There was a virtual CAPS meeting this week that went fine, though very low attendance.

CLVN (Dorothy): Thank you to Chris Jessup for his service in Alderman Tunney’s office. Congressman Quigley joined their recent meeting. Alderman Tunney says the city is looking into allowing more coach houses, allowing this use without zoning. Senator Feigenholtz was working on a package to aid the hospitality industry, like “cocktails to go”.

WLVN (Will): Quite slow here as well, no meetings, minor zoning. Nice to see restaurants with the outdoor dining.

Cubs (Heather): Playing ball, starting a 10-game home stand, which might be extended (no one in the stands). The Hotel Zachary reopened August 1, along with nearly all the restaurants in the building.

Redefine the Drive (Chester): Bus lanes and bike lanes are popular in transportation projects, but they have complications, like a second set of ramps.

Lakeview Chamber of Commerce (Dillon): Business revenue is down by 55% (was 80% in April), and some high-profile closures. Their Dine Out program with street closures has been popular, and will be announcing more next week. Taco Fest was canceled. There will be a Friends of Lakeview fundraising push. Every $100 in Lakeview gift cards gets you a $20 bonus, available through the end of this month. Some murals going up as part of the Lakeview low line project, under the brown line tracks, like at the Southport station.

Transportation (Chester): Scooters are back again this summer, and they will be seeking feedback on how they may impact the community. Working on making Seminary between Grace and Irving more pedestrian-friendly (functionally done by asking the alderman to send a letter to CDOT with the request).

Annual meeting and election (Kevin): Probably not going to be able to meet in person until next spring, so these may be delayed further. Due to the current pandemic situation, Erica moved to postpone elections until after Jan. 1, seconded, passed unanimously.

Fundraising (Heather): Our web site doesn’t really have the traffic to sell advertising. We don’t have any projects that would support asking for donations. Maybe we could have seminars, talks, to educate people on topics like housing, with a suggested donation from attendees. Another idea is an online cooking event with local chefs.

Next meeting is on Thursday, October 1 at 6:30 PM, on Zoom. Meeting adjourned at 7:27 PM.