Lake View Citizens’ Council

November 19, 2020, meeting minutes

*Mike Raffety, secretary*

Kevin Lakomy called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM. A quorum was present. The following board members were present:

Beth Murphy

Chester Kropidowski

Dillon Goodson

Erica Pear

Heather Way Kitzes

Jan Sumrall

Kevin Lakomy

Mark Knight

Michael Zink

Mike Raffety

Scott Miller

Steve Stern

Susan Radzinowicz

Terie Kata

Tim Lindsay

Tom Kelley

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

President’s report (Kevin): Not much to report. Fundraising ideas will be a major topic for January, perhaps a cooking class at a restaurant or a recognized speaker. Lakeview businesses are doing lots of pop-ups. We should probably have a specific thing to fundraise for, something well-known, such as a charity or to help local businesses.

Triangle (Scott): Space Park (on Roscoe) is closed for the winter. They just planted about a thousand bulbs, it’ll look great next spring. Looking into ways to open for private events while being respectful of the neighbors.

SLVN (Susan): They’re continuing bringing new things to members via Zoom. In September, they had the alderman give an update on the ward. They’ve also had Representative Mike Quigley speak, as well as Dillon Goodson from the Lakeview chamber of commerce. They have a regular newsletter to keep the general membership engaged and updated.

SELVN (Jan): They’ve had virtual meetings with federal and state and city representatives speaking. The next CAPS meeting is Dec. 14. The November meeting had a developer for 3124 N Broadway, who reported a long-term lease with Ceres Table (the present occupant). They plan to add on to the building with more residences. The Serbian house will be renovated (it’s been vacant several months). The 19th district police steering committee has not had any events, they will be providing prepackaged holiday meals provided by local restaurants.

East Lakeview (Michael Zink): A few busy meetings, like approving a new liquor store project, and a new hotel at 3444 Broadway (the old Best Western parking lot). New sculptures at Fremont and Grace (a bird in a birdcage). They will donate $20,000 to various local charities, focusing on the human touch. The “neighbor of the year” winner will be announced at their December meeting. The project by the New York building will be coming up on the agenda soon. There’s also an angel sculpture installed on Broadway.

CAPS (Chester): The CAPS meetings have reported a rash of car catalytic converts being stolen, a black Dodge Charger has been seen nearby when that happens.

Bylaws committee: Will bring that up in January.

Treasurer’s report (Mark): We have about $3,700 in the regular checking account, $5,000 in money market, and $10,000 in a saving account. The only expenses coming in are insurance, Constant Contact, and the post office box.

Redefine the Drive (Chester): The fourth public meeting was held. Ramps at Aldine are proposed, to simplify the Belmont interchange, but there are objections.

Lakeview Chamber of Commerce (Dillon): With the holiday season approaching, it’s important to support local small businesses, and small business Saturday is Nov. 28. They have a compelling video on social media, highlighting the struggles they’ve been facing this year, please check it out. They also have holiday programming on their web site. They’re holding a raffle with several thousand dollars in the pot, benefiting several projects like the lowline market, go to www.friendsoflakeview.org.

Cubs (Heather): President Theo Epstein announced his retirement (last day is tomorrow), he’s not going to another team. Wrigley Field received its national landmark status today. They’ve hosted a book drive in recent weeks, collecting over 3,000 books, going to local Chicago public schools. Tomorrow they start a food and supply drive, through next week.

Next meeting is on Thursday, January 7 at 6:30 PM, on Zoom. Meeting adjourned at 7:24 PM.