Lake View Citizens’ Council

February 11, 2021, meeting minutes

*Mike Raffety, secretary*

Kevin Lakomy called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM. A quorum was present. The following board members were present:

Beth Murphy

Chester Kropidowski

Dorothy Klees

Erica Pear

Heather Way Kitzes

Jan Sumrall

Kevin Lakomy

Mark Knight

Maureen Martino

Michael Zink

Mike Raffety

Scott Miller

Steve Stern

Susan Radzinowicz

Terie Kata

Tim Lindsay

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

Treasurer (Mark): $17,000 in checking, no major expenses coming up.

State representative Margaret Croke: The state legislature has passed leadership term limits. The governor has expanded the Covid phase 1B qualifications for the state to a larger group, but this does not apply in Chicago.

44th ward alderman Tom Tunney (Calvin): The city has partnered with a new company for vaccination appointments, Zodoc.com. Carjackings are up, the alderman recently held a form on this.

County commissioner Bridget Gainer (Isabel Dobbel): Property tax exemptions are rolling over this year, no need to renew. They’re holding a seminar on entertainment businesses reopening.

CLVN (Dorothy): There’s been several names suggested for Agasse school. Construction continues at Illinois Masonic, and a new restaurant at Oakton and Sheffield. Carjackings were also discussed.

SLVN (Steve): Carjackings were discussed, and a doctor from the Chicago health department provided an update on the Covid situation. A tax appeal attorney also provided tips on how to appear property taxes.

ELVN (Michael): Looking for anyone interested in running for their board. The 3636 LSD building next to the New York building is still being discussed, hopefully to be voted on next month.

Triangle (Scott): No updates.

Cubs (Heather): Their conference center will be a mass vaccination site around mid-March, if the vaccinations are available. Pitchers and catchers report to Mesa next week, baseball starts soon, and the opening day is set for April 1. There will be many steps taken to follow Covid protocols, such as distancing, timing, and masks, and proportionate to the number of fans allowed.

Lakeview Chamber (Maureen): Talking to legislators about Covvid relief. Moving lots of snow. Security staff is on hold since there’s so few people in the neighborhood. Save your receipts to get $100. Hoping to see Covid restrictions eased. 29 businesses have opened while 28 closed. Putting together a recovery plan, things like how to change shopping habits for people back to retail, and getting tourism back.

Lake Shore Drive (Chester): Lots of community concerns about what will go on around Belmont, and at Aldine. There were 400-500 people at the meeting about this. Several options are still on the table, including bus lanes. With the new administration, we may see more federal funding for local projects like this.

Annual meeting (Heather): Need to have an annual meeting and elections, likely electronic, likely on June 3. Heather has chaired this recently, but is happy to see someone else take it. Kevin and Mike will help.

Next meeting is on Thursday, April 1 at 6:30 PM, on Zoom. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.