Lake View Citizens’ Council

April 8, 2021, meeting minutes

*Mike Raffety, secretary*

Kevin Lakomy called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM. A quorum was not yet present. The following board members were present:

Beth Murphy

Chester Kropidowski

Dillon Goodson

Dorothy Klees

Heather Way Kitzes

Jan Sumrall

Kevin Lakomy

Mike Raffety

Scott Miller

Susan Radzinowicz

Terie Kata

President (Kevin): Thank you to the Cubs for providing a Covid vaccination site!

44th ward alderman Tunney (Calvin): Start of spring street sweeping is on their web site. Covid cases continue to rise, particularly in the 44th ward ZIP codes. Keep wearing masks and following the rules! There’s been an increase in Asian-American hate crimes, the city of Chicago is not very timely in reporting hate crimes data, and no clear information on how people can report them. Make sure you don’t get a parking ticket!

State senator Feigenholz (Trenton Crawford): Session is in full swing, she is chair of the senate tourism and hospitality committee, and it is very active in planning for recovery from the pandemic. Retailers would be allowed to use debit/credit cards to buy from liquor wholesalers, along with other modernizations.

State representative Croke (Jessica Lach): Championing two bills, one to increase health insurance coverage for pregnancies, and another for allowing banks to work in cryptocurrency. They have an ACA town hall on April 19, to help people get health insurance.

Cubs (Heather): We played baseball last week! Some great steps back to normalcy. Summer concerts are still in a holding pattern. Vaccinations are being delivered in their office building (must make advance appointments), about 1,500 a day now. There are volunteer opportunities available.

CLVN (Dorothy): U.S. representative Quigley is working to help with Postal Service delivery. Some blocks are now 24x7 zone parking. They have a flower sale at Agasse school; order forms are on their web site.

County commissioner Bridget Gainer (Isabel Dobbel): Property tax exemption applications are due tomorrow, though most are rolled over. They’re looking for Earth Day projects to help out with. They’ve been collecting and dropping off lots of preschool donations until Mother’s Day.

A quorum was present and confirmed. Kevin moved to approve last meeting’s minutes, seconded, approved.

SLN (Susan): Continuing with Zoom meeting, U.S. representative Quigley and state senator Feigenholz and others have joined to provide updates. Zoning changes and variances continue to come up, there’s a lot of “for sale” signs, even though things close in 10-14 days, people want to “build bigger”. There’s a new Venezuelan restaurant at 2913 N Lincoln.

SELVN (Jan): They’ve also had government official attendance. There’s a possibility of a development with a presentation next week. There’s been talk of a dog park in the area; dog parks have to be maintained by the neighborhood association.

ELVN (Chester): Planning on Kelly Park improvements, and a possible source of money. The LSD project had a public meeting, but there was great public concern for what was planned around Aldine (including a bus turnaround), so there will be another public meeting just for this (still to be scheduled).

Annual meeting date (Heather): To be held on June 10, most likely online. She will send out a “save the date” notice, ask people to pay their dues tomorrow, and calling for nominations. Only paid members can nominate or be nominated. Dues can be paid on the web site. Heather, Terie, and Kevin will serve as the nominating committee.

Next meeting is the annual meeting on Thursday, June 10 at 6:30 PM, on Zoom. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.