Lake View Citizens’ Council

June 10, 2021, meeting minutes

*Mike Raffety, secretary*

Heather Way Kitzes called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM. A quorum of the membership was present.

Approval of minutes: Moved by Terie Kata, seconded, approved.

Congressman Quigley: His office is getting lots of requests to help with passports – be sure to check it well before you plan to travel. He’ll be back in DC in two weeks, they’ll be working on appropriations. Earmarks include helping local non-profits become more accessible. Rebuilding infrastructure and broadband are priorities, and dealing with climate change. The CARES act kept public transit and schools running. There’s concern about the Covid variants, but the vaccinations seem to work well. Please be sure to get vaccinated! Domestic terrorism is a greater threat than foreign terrorism. They’re working to hold the post office accountable for delivery issues.

President (Kevin Lakomy): It’s great to see the local vaccination rate going up, needs to hit 70%. Things are opening back up, including Wrigley Field, so we can enjoy the summer and get on with our lives. We will meet in person in August.

Treasurer (Mark Knight): We have a total $17,133 in the bank.

Approving the slate of at-large members: Terie Kata, Tim Lindsay, and Kevin Lakomy are nominated (leaving two open spots). Kevin Lakomy moved, seconded, approved.

44th ward alderman Tunney (Calvin): Lots of noise complaints about motorcycles on LSD, the county and city will be putting cameras on LSD to record license plates, making it easier to issue tickets. Block parties are back, you can get help filing an application with the alderman’s office. Alderman Tunney added that the LSD redesign at Belmont and Aldine are is being reviewed with Zoom and public meetings. He does not support renaming LSD, the community does not see this as a reasonable way of celebrating du Sable (some other key location or feature would be renamed for du Sable instead). Police reform has several solutions proposed, people have been bombarding his office with support for specific plans, but nothing has yet passed city council; he is all ears on a compromise between them. There will be details on how to sign up for the June 22 LSD meeting in the alderman’s newsletter tomorrow.

Redefine the Drive (Chester): Various concerns are being addressed with community discussions. They’re supposed to be done with the phase one study next year, but may be two to three years behind schedule. Recent meetings were very robust. Alderman Tunney reports that between state and federal funding, this is going to happen in the next five years.

State senator Feigenholz (Trenton Crawford): Senate adjourned last week, but will be back for some votes next week, including the clean energy jobs act. The final budget addresses many issues. Access for behavioral health issues are being addressed. The marriage certificate modernization act is on the table. Question about using the term “landlord” on lease forms.

New sculptures are being installed around the neighborhood, be on the lookout for them.

Next meeting is on Thursday, August 5 at 6:30 PM. Meeting adjourned at 7:04 PM.