Lake View Citizens’ Council

September 9, 2021, meeting minutes

*Mike Raffety, secretary*

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

Beth Murphy

Chester Kropidowski

Heather Way Kitzes

Jan Sumrall

Kevin Lakomy

Mark Knight

Michael Zink

Mike Raffety

Susan Radzinowicz

Terie Kata

Tim Lindsay

Approval of June minutes: Moved by Kevin, seconded, approved.

Treasurer (Mark): Checking balance is $6800, and $10K at Central Federal. Just minor expenses for Constant Contact, phone, and insurance.

Chester moved to make a $250 contribution to a diabetes fund in memory of deceased alderman Bernie Hansen, seconded, approved.

President (Kevin): Please visit your favorite local restaurant and other businesses, keep them thriving.

SELVN (Jan): Dine out on Broadway has been very successful. A couple new small places are opening up, and there’s another planning to expand. The 19th police district steering committee had a BBQ on July 4, and a golf outing last week.

SLN (Susan): Had an in-person meeting, first time in 17 months, with 45 people attending. They elected a slate of candidates, including four new board members.

ELVN (Michael Z.): Several presentations about the 3636 N LSD development, which was ultimately approved, and should begin late this year or early next year. Jeff Katz presented about the proposed Lakeview dog park. They’ve participated in some neighborhood cleanups. The Ace Hardware at Dakin and Sheridan looks like it’ll be up and running in a month or two. There will be over 100 apartments above, and more retail space below, including a café. The Festival of the Arts is on Broadway this weekend.

Triangle (Mike R.): The Howard Brown project at 3501 N Halsted has completed demolition. Jim Ludwig was elected president in July. Triangle will be proposing a crosswalk be marked across Halsted at Brompton, similar to other streets.

Transportation (Chester): The Lake Shore Drive renaming is being implemented with new signs. The Redefine LSD project had a public meeting in June with lots of comments. There will be a meeting this fall and winter to further discuss the “bus station” planned at Aldine.

New business (Kevin): There’s been a spike in local crime, often in the early mornings. Keep aware of your surroundings. Encourage people to attend CAPS meetings.

Cubs (Heather): The season is winding down, though with some recent wins! Hosting the Giants this weekend, and then three concerts the next weekend. On August 19, the ballpark was rededicated as a national historic landmark.

Next meeting is on Thursday, December 2, at 6:30 PM. Meeting adjourned at 7:11 PM.