Lake View Citizens’ Council

February 3, 2022, meeting minutes

*Mike Raffety, secretary*

Kevin Lakomy called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM. A quorum was present. The following board members were present:

Beth Murphy

Chester Kropidowski

Dorothy Klees

Heather Way Kitzes

Kevin Lakomy

Mark Knight

Michael Zink

Mike Raffety

Scott Miller

Steve Stern

Susan Radzinowicz

Tim Lindsay

Approval of September minutes: Moved by Tim, seconded, approved.

A letter asking for more police resources in the 19th district was signed off by all the neighborhood association presidents. Police staffing has been hit by Covid, and crime like carjackings is up. People want to feel safe.

CLVN (Dorothy): Mainly talking about two issues, one is crime, which people are very upset about, there’s a lack of police, police are quitting. The other issue is the lack of mail service, they get mail maybe twice a week. Looking at a flower sale in May. School is changing name to Harriet Tubman school.

SLN (Steve): Been struggling with meetings, trying to get content, and an in-person venue. They updated their bylaws last summer, and want to have an in-person meeting to approve them.

ELVN (Michael Z.): Quite active the last couple of months, two forums in January about crime, all of the elected officials from city to state to national were present, very informative sessions, with over 200 at the second one. Going to have another one in February, focusing on Q&A (with police officials, but not elected officials). Reporters have been inquiring.

Triangle (Scott): Amazon Smile will donate 0.5% of purchases to a non-profit, it’s easy money for any non-profit, like the individual neighborhood associations, to sign up and promote it. No visible construction at the Howard Brown project on Halsted yet. Space Park is closed for the winter, of course.

LSD (Chester): The project is progressing, scheduling more meetings for this spring. It’s been a good place for people to express their concerns. By this summer, hopefully more people will be back working downtown, supporting local merchants. There’s still no funding, it’s just conceptual plans, for at least a couple more years.

New business (Kevin): The bad weather has likely reduced the crime, but police do appear to be making an effort to be more visible.

Cubs (Heather): The plaza and ice rink are still open. They’re also doing curling, and will be open through the end of February. The home opener is April 4 against the St. Louis Cardinals. The Zac Brown band will be playing this summer, and other concerts carried over from last summer.

Chester: He will draft a letter for the LVCC thanking Charlotte Newfeld for her years of service to the community, and send it to Kevin.

Treasurer (Mark): There’s $2400 in checking and $2500 in the money market, plus a $10,000 account in another bank. The main expenses are Constant Contact and the insurance.

CTA RPM (Mike): The brown line flyover is done, and now the CTA is working on straightening out the “jog” in the red/purple tracks north of Belmont (around the Vautravers building, which was moved 30 feet east), allowing trains to move between Belmont at Addison at normal speed. This will take about two more years to complete.

Next meeting is on Thursday, April 7, at 6:30 PM. Meeting adjourned at 7:06 PM.