Lake View Citizens’ Council

December 1, 2022, meeting minutes

*Mike Raffety, secretary*

Kevin Lakomy called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM. A quorum was not present. The following board members were present:

Chester Kropidowski

Beth Murphy

Dorothy Klees

Jan Sumrall

Kevin Lakomy

Michael Zink

Mike Raffety

Terie Kata

Tim Lindsay

President’s report (Kevin): The weather is changing, please keep visiting your local vendors and businesses, especially with some of the nicer weather we’ve had. The “Stroll on Southport” is on Friday, including wine tasting. Crime seems to be down a tad.

Treasurer (Mark): There’s about $1100 in checking and $10,000 in savings.

Hawthorne/Triangle merger: The two boards met on Nov. 30, and agreed on a path forward, consolidating on the Hawthorne entity and bank account, to be effective January 1. The proposed new name is “Heart of Lakeview Neighborhood Association”. The LVCC bylaws do not require a vote on this, a merger process is not described.

CLVN (Dorothy): Just had their meeting, Congressman Quigley was talking about the postal robberies, trying to put some kind of lock on the mailboxes, and also the lack of mail delivery. He got funding to replace the YMCA pool on Marshfield, and 100 bulletproof police vests. A new restaurant named Cumin on Belmont is stalled due to financial challenges. The Tubman school (formerly Agassi) has lost 88 students so far, the principal is on leave.

ELVN (Michael Z.): Terie Kata was named the Neighbor of the Year! The holiday party is on Dec. 13, and Murphy’s, maybe 70-100 people are expected. The latest crime forum was a few weeks ago and well attended; the next topic will be electronic monitoring. Hopefully working on a 46th ward candidate forum/debate.

SELVN (Jan): Relatively quiet, some new businesses have opened on Broadway, which is a good sign. Two very small zoning requests, one for a home to be replaced with a 3-story condo, and a request on Halsted to do residential in a space currently commercial. The 19th police district steering committee served up a Thanksgiving dinner, and Ann Sather’s provided a lot of food.

Redefine the Drive (Chester): Discussion continues. Some people feel the improvements are excessive with more people working from home now, so decisions are being postponed.

Charlotte Newfeld (Chester): Charlotte passed away Nov. 17, almost 92, and was a very important leader in the neighborhood and LVCC. She was the president of Citizens United for Baseball in Sunshine (CUBS) where she led the "No Lights" campaign in an attempt to stop night games in Wrigley Field. While night games ultimately prevailed, the group was able to ensure safety measures to protect the neighborhood and its residents. Chester will propose a way to honor her.

Next meeting is on Thursday, March 2, at 6:30 PM. Meeting adjourned at 6:59 PM.