Lake View Citizens’ Council

June 15, 2023, 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

Dorothy Klees

Heather Way Kitzes

Jan Sumrall

Kevin Lakomy

Mark Knight

Mike Raffety

Terie Kata

Tim Lindsay

Sara Feigenholz (Max): The spring legislative session adjourned on time and sent 566 bills to the governor’s desk, including funding a teachers’ grant program that will help fill over 1,000 unfilled positions in Chicago Public Schools. Other bill topics included healthcare, eldercare, and childcare workers, 200 more state police officers, money for local law enforcement, holding the gun industry accountable for their advertising and marketing, and license plate reader data related to people seeking abortion services. There is new support for electric vehicles for new construction.

Treasurer’s report (Mark): Statements were sent out earlier today, the bank accounts are consolidated, but down to just over $10,000. He will be asking branches to pay their share of the insurance (some going back to 2020!), which will help. Mike will send out a list of branch contacts to the board. Mark to get together with some branch representatives to figure out how to simplify paying dues across LVCC and the branches.

President’s report (Kevin): Activity in Lakeview has really picked up with spring, people going to Cubs games, restaurants, etc.

Central (Dorothy): The movie Cars is tomorrow night at Hawthorne, at dusk. On July 9, it’s Peter Pan, and on August 5, Aladdin. They’re reviewing a zoning variance for 3132 N Kenmore. A new Indian restaurant will be opening soon, they’ve applied for a liquor license.

SELVN (Jan): Broadway seems to be busy, Dining out on Broadway will be back twice this summer. People are coming out and staying busy. Generally pretty good other than a shooting incident by Mariano’s.

ELVN (Tim Lindsay): Good crime forum on electronic monitoring, although the sheriff’s office has refused to engage. The 19th police district council had their first meeting in May. The new 46th ward alderperson, Angela Clay, will be on the city council police and fire committee. Some people have been randomly shooting in high-rises near Addison and LSD, and there are more police walking the area.

Redefine the Drive (Chester): There will be another public meeting, and they want to make decisions by the end of the year, before moving on to the next phase. There will be trees planted at the bird sanctuary to honor Charlotte Newfeld.

Next meeting is on Thursday, Sept. 7, at 6:30 PM. Meeting adjourned at 7:36 PM.