Lake View Citizens’ Council

March 14, 2023, meeting minutes

 *Mike Raffety, secretary*

Kevin Lakomy called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM. A quorum was present. The following board members were present:

Chester Kropidowski

Dorothy Klees

Jan Sumrall

Kevin Lakomy

Mark Knight

Maureen Martino

Mike Raffety

Patrick Nagle

Scott Miller

Terie Kata

Tim Lindsay

CAPS update (John McCarthy): John updated us on thefts, robberies, and other crimes in the neighborhood.

Financial update (Mark): $7,095 in the bank. There’s been two member renewals YTD. Fiscal year ends July 31.

ELVN (Patrick): Annual meeting coming up March 26 with board elections. They’re sponsoring a sculpture art exhibit, and replacing their art piece at 3300 block of north Broadway. They will be organizing another neighborhood forum, probably on senior safety.

CLVN (Dorothy): No March meeting, next is April 2. There’s concern about a project to redevelop the Ann Sather restaurant space on Belmont, there is a neighborhood meeting at the Center on Halsted Monday night.

Wrigley update (Kevin): Opening day is April 1, concerts are on their web site. The Cubs held their required annual community meeting. There was no representation from the 46th and 47th wards. Still unclear on where Northwestern will be playing football while their stadium is under construction.

Transportation updates (Chester): A public meeting for Redefine the Drive is to be scheduled for this spring. So far the Addison red line platform widening is just a concept being discussed, there’s no specifics. Waveland will become one-way between Sheffield and Halsted by opening day, April 1. Chester would like to have LVCC involved in more public education, such as computer safety and the new Chicago Complete Streets Design Manual.

The Community Commission for Public Safety & Accountability is having a lunch-and-learn on Monday about the prohibition on police officers being part of criminal organizations.

Minutes from June 15, March 2, 2023, and Dec. 1, Sept. 8, and June 2, 2022 were approved.

The meeting ended with a discussion about the need to identify ways for LVCC to improve the community, giving people a reason to join, and whether LVCC should continue to collect dues on behalf of the local neighborhood associations. We should also plan to hold an annual meeting with elections in June.

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