Lake View Citizens’ Council

Oct. 11, 2018, meeting minutes

*Mike Raffety, secretary*

William DeMille called the meeting to order. A quorum was not present. The following board members were present:

William DeMille

Greg Kawliche

Heather Way Kitzes

Dorothy Klees

Mark Knight

Chester Kropidowski

Scott Miller

Beth Murphy

Michael Raffety

Transportation committee (Chester): The Chicago marathon was a great success, though many cars were towed in the area of the newly-extended route. Zone 383 permit parking guest permits are being abused. Some streets that were night-time only permit parking are changing to 24x7 permit parking. The “Redefine the Drive” taskforce is still reviewing possible changes.

Technology committee (William for York): There’s a prototype new web site, they need help, reach out to York to get involved.

ELVN (Beth): Just had Octoberfest on Sept. 23rd, raising money for the neighborhood. They will solidify how to use it at their November meeting. Gill Park improvements are completed. Kelly Park improvements are being planned, including a plaque for the namesake General Kelly.

CLVN (Dorothy): The South Loop Market was approved to extend their hours, by one hour. There’s discussion of the signs in the windows at Cheezys. Trees are being offered for the parkway.

Triangle (Scott): Gearing up for Halloween parade. Next meeting is Nov. 14.

Hawthorne (William): Fundraising events are being planned to improve the playground, shop at Whole Foods on Oct. 18 to get 5% towards this.

Southport (Greg): Zoning change to replace a building at the end of Patterson with something larger, voted down, will be revised.

West Lakeview (William): Sliders festival was successful. Big transit-oriented development next to Southport El stop is in the making.

Cubs (Heather): Baseball season has ended, construction has begun. This is the fifth year of construction, last year of major work. Gallagher Way is partly blocked, but there will be an ice rink and other programming, like an Oct. 25 Halloween family-oriented party, and Casper the Friendly Ghost movie. Cut the ribbon on the Blaine Field turf.

Old business, institutional members (William): Only 5 of 10 institutional membership slots are filled. We need ideas for companies who would be interested in joining. The board would vote to accept them.

Roll call review (William): We have three vacancies to fill (the board can fill them until they expire).

LVCC focus and energy (William): The web site needs refreshing. We should be engaging with the public, address safety and crime, create high-profile forums/events. Perhaps aldermanic debates? Appealing property taxes. Managing condo associations. Need to build awareness. Redefine the Drive, the CTA flyover project, major neighborhood changes, need to harness that. Impact of transit-oriented developments (TOD) on the community (smaller units, no parking, etc.).

Year-end party/meeting (William): Looking to do something more informal, with a board meeting, but with a social element.

Police staffing (William): William will work with the executive committee to draft and send a letter to the mayor supporting more police staffing.

Treasurer’s report (Mark): There’s about $2,700 in checking and $32,000 across all accounts. Insurance was paid in July, bills will be sent out to the branches. Biggest recent expenses are Constant Contact e-mail.

Next meeting is Dec. 6 at a place to be determined. Meeting adjourned.