Lake View Citizens’ Council

March 6, 2025, meeting minutes

*Mike Raffety, secretary*

Kevin Lakomy called the meeting to order at 6:37 PM. A quorum was not present. The following board members were present:

Chester Kropidowski

Dorothy Klees

Jan Sumrall

Kevin Lakomy

Mark Knight

Maureen Martino

Mike Raffety

President’s report (Kevin): Looks like a great summer coming, hoping for more police staffing to address late night issues. Hoping the city doesn’t lose federal dollars.

Treasurer’s report (Mark sent statements before the meeting): $4,142 in the bank as of March 6. Largest expenses since August 1 are $2,085 for insurance and $932 for e-mail services (like ConstantContact, which is now prepaid for a much lower annual rate). There’s been no revenue (membership payments). Mark will send out bills for the current year’s insurance to branches, which should cover most of the insurance cost.

CLVN (Dorothy): They are happy to pay their share of the insurance. At their last meeting, they had Congressman Quigley and state senator Sara Feigenholtz, it was depressing, federal funding is up in the air. They’re having a wine tasting, April 13, 2-5 PM, $10. The 925 Belmont project is reduced to 4 stories and half the lot, eliminating the need for rezoning (and also avoiding the affordable housing requirements).

ELVN (Chester): They’re having trouble reaching a quorum at their board meetings. They are planning to donate $500 to the bird sanctuary.

Heart (Mike): Yoshi’s restaurant will be redeveloped into a 51-unit hotel. A middle eastern grocery store is opening at 3526 N Halsted. Other than the large 3232 N Halsted vacancy (former health club), there’s nor many vacancies on Halsted.

Cubs: There are two concerts scheduled so far, Post Malone on May 22, and Stray Kids on June 26. The annual community meeting was held last week, with Chester representing, to ensure community impact issues are addressed.

SELVN (Jan): There’s several new shops and restaurants that have opened, including a French restaurant. The Walmart, Walgreens, and Foxtrot spaces are still vacant. Broadway is doing well.

LVECC (Maureen): Opened over 40 businesses since October, and the alderman is actively working with the landlords who have vacancies. Excited to have warmer weather soon so people will be able to enjoy local businesses.

Mark will talk to Heather about chairing a nominating committee with elections to be held in June.

Next meeting is on Thursday, June 5, at 6:30 PM. Meeting adjourned at 6:58 PM.