

# NearNorth UNITY PROGRAM

Near North Unity Program (NNUP)  
Membership Meeting MINUTES  
6:00pm - 7:30 pm  
November 20th, 2017

## 1. Welcome & Introductions

### a. Review Question and Answer Guidelines

- i. One question per person, one follow up question and then the meeting facilitator will move on to the next community member's question.

## 2. Lincoln Park Community Services

- a. Jen Kouba , Associate Director of Volunteer & Community Engagement
  - b. George Kuhlman, LPCS Board Member and Volunteer
- New development that is going to service members of the community.
  - Community involvement is what has led to the success of LPCS.
  - Name change from “shelter” to “services” because there are so many services made available to them, so the organization transcends a mere shelter.
  - 1521 N. Sedgwick property
  - Mission: LPCS brings communities together to empower homeless men and women to make and sustain life changes.
  - LPCS was founded by four neighboring churches in 1985, and in 1999, the organization transitioned to become a year-round shelter.
  - LPCS transitioned from working with folks only in cold months to working with them on a full-time site with availability for people to have a place to stay at any time.
  - Social workers employed.
  - They are in the process of raising an additional 4 million dollars.
  - A more secure facility, which is in the works, will help more people.
  - Programs
    - Interim Housing Community
    - On Track Program
      - Track One: Addictions Recovery
      - Track Two: Mental and Physical Health
      - Track Three: Employment and Education
    - Graduate Community
    - Community Engagement Program
    - Independent Community Living Program
  - 70% of graduates are able to meet the benchmark of having people who go through the program still in stable housing and employment 6 months after program completion (as compared to 3% of the greater U.S. homeless population).
  - 8 months is the median length of time that a guest stays.

- Two parts of the building: one for interim guests and one for permanent residents to become supportive housing. This will double the amount of people for whom they can provide housing.
- Within a year, most people have moved on, and graduates can come back and help.
- 1600 hours of service from graduates of LPCS programs.
- 2000 volunteers in the network.
- Bulk of volunteers come through the kitchen.
- Partner with many other organizations to allow guests to thrive: math tutors, financial support, technology services, etc.
- Green Team
  - Guests participate in neighborhood beautification and employment training.
- Give Program
  - Guests volunteer in the community at organizations throughout the area and at our Community Engagement Program.
- The location of the new building is great and has parking options which facilitates volunteering.
- Aim for January for building groundbreaking.
- 7 million dollars came from the state and city (2.5 from the state and 4.5 from the city)
- 20 units for supportive housing.
- 48 interim guests.
- Hope to be moving in in January 2019.

### 3. Community 'Spotlight'

#### a. Stanton Park

##### i. Kristen Boike, Vice President Stanton Park Advisory Council

- Ribbon cutting from last week for the new Stanton Park playground.
- They are trying to be more visible and let everyone know that they can participate in various engagements.
- Stanton Park is off of Clybourn.
- Ball fields, an indoor swimming pool, full-time swim team for kids, lessons, free programs for seniors like water aerobics, etc.
- Playground is facility's focal point.
- New Facebook page and newsletter to reach the community.
- The Park District website is being revamped.

### 4. Announcements

- a. **Suggestion Box** at the check in table - please feel free to drop off suggestions for NNUP
- b. **11/21** - Stamps Rhine Center Thanksgiving Luncheon, Bingo & Fraud/Identity Workshop, 1327 N. Larrabee, 11:30AM
- c. **11/21** - NNUP Safety committee, 1111 N. Wells St., Leslie Hall (back room), 10:30 AM
- d. **11/23** - *THANKSGIVING*
- e. **11/28** - #GivingTuesday, #ILGive
- f. **11/30** - NNUP Youth & Families committee meeting, 1111 N. Wells St., #301, 11:00
- g. **12/14** - Near North Unity Program (NNUP) December Community Celebration, Leslie Hall, 6PM to 9PM
- h. **12/19** - NNUP Safety committee, 1111 N. Wells St., Leslie Hall (back room), 10:30 AM