



**Near North Unity Program (NNUP)  
Membership Meeting MINUTES30.  
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm**

**Monday, June 25th, 2018  
CAPITAL ONE CAFE  
1538 N. Clybourn Ave.**

**Welcome & Introductions** - Randall welcomed everyone to the community and asked that individuals take 5 minutes to meet someone that they don't already know.

- **Review Question and Answer Guidelines**
  - One question per person, one follow up question and then the meeting facilitator will move on to the next community member's question.
    - Randall reviewed the Q&A guidelines
- Community 'Spotlight' - Randall introduced LaShonda and NNUP's partnership with Capital One. Randall spoke about Jazz and announced concert dates including rain date. Spoke about the synergy of Capital One Cafe's mission and NNUP's mission regarding community and expressed gratitude to Capital One in their support.
  - Capital One Cafe
    - LaShonda Murdock, Cafe Ambassador (1 of 10 ambassadors)
      - Raised in Cabrini
      - Started with Capital One - opened location in Jan 2017
      - Previously IMG orange - Capital One acquired - previously had cafe in Gold Coast
      - Capital One is about connecting with community, currently logged 400 hrs of community service for Clybourn location alone
      - Hours - 7am to 6pm
      - Cafe Ambassadors - Capital One Cafe is a bank, no selling occurs at cafe, perks in cafe if cardholder, happy hours
      - Nooks available all day 1st come 1st serve
      - Meeting rooms available to non profits, book online
      - Wonderful to work with NNUP, doing great things in the community and look forward to long standing relationship
    - Q - process to reserving meeting room
      - Check in with an ambassador and ask how to
      - Go online to register - approval process takes about 24 hours
- Jenner / Ogden Merger UPDATE
  - David Castro, Student Transition Coordinator
    - Randall introduced Castro and shared background on merger of schools and expressed gratitude to CPS to engage in this merger. He then introduced Dr. Davis Principal transition coordinator
  - David - background in community organizing with SWOP
    - IB model - global world how it relates to discipline

- Dean at Jenner Campus focus on restorative justice, including parents vs. punitive process Student focus,
- Davis is pragmatic physical - came from corporate sector
  - Merged smaller scale similar schools in LA
  - Operations, ensuring emergence of culture and climate
  - Calendar - available, card reach out and connect
  - Focusing and using summer months to build relationships, jazz, etc. opening the schools up
- Logistical updates
  - Beautify campuses - brought together partnerships - Park Community church volunteers
  - Partnership with Baker MacKenzie - global law firm
    - Next two years, Ogden 1 of 2 partners creating beautification for the Gwendolyn Brooks library at Jenner
    - Aug 10 Mural reveal at noon in honor of Principal Croston and pay tribute to the entire community including Cabrini green
    - Teachers - prepared with emotional support - retreat at Loyola
  - Three campuses - East, West, and Jenner
    - East - 1 through 4 - shuttle bus betw. East and Jenner 8:30 to 3:30
    - Jenner - PreK 5-8, 8:45-3:45
    - West - High School, 8 to 3:15
  - All Jenner 8th graders able to attend Ogden HS - 19 out of 28 chose Ogden HS
  - Schedule mailed by July
  - Lockers to be installed in Jenner
  - Tap into existing resource in community
  - Safe Passage will be more robust than currently
  - Principal Beyer
    - Dr. Mrs Khishasha Williams Ford - has robust legal background, took several months to identify
  - Racial and Class issues
    - Opportunity - allowed us to place at the forefront bec. How school is experienced and growing conversations. No one peace circle will solve - ongoing discussions. Recognize its the students that will interact at the ground level. Artwork at Jenner campus will be placed at East/west campus
    - Ribbon cutting ceremony at each campus and keep tradition intact.
- Q - Thank you for professionalism
  - How are the students transitioning?
    - Young people are incredibly willing to engage vs. adults, all snapchatting insta-ing, picnics and a lot of 1 off initiatives.
- Q - How many Jenner Ogden parents are in the room? 0
- Q - Name ? Hyphenate?
  - Phonebanked to reach out to parents (105), LSC actually decides name majority of questions were logistical and problematic, practical questions.
  - LSC first meeting is August
- Q - Special needs children?
  - How will be handled? Last couple months review of IEP's
    - Ogden mainstreams children so no special classroom

- Dr. Davis - identify as diverse learners, more support in each one of the classroom
    - Addressed infrastructure of the campuses to ensure access
    - Dr. Beyer held open houses for parents of diverse learners
    - Parent consent is largest hurdle to get students assessed
      - Proper channels then can proceed
  - \* some teachers created safe spaces for additional support
    - There will be a sensory room at Jenner
      - Owls Nest - convergence of the Ogden mascot coupled with NEST - safe space/community that allows students opportunity to have a space
        - Contest to create an identifier to summarize Owls nest (must work with student from another campus)
        - Use NEST to mature how Ogden uses IB philosophy
    - Q - Retreat - is it mandatory? All staff retreat - making change for staff as well - 'Strongly suggested' Several members feel is vital to success.
      - July 11th is Jenner move date
      - July 12th for West
      - July 13th for East campus
  - \*\* Moving this week\*\* Volunteers WELCOME!!
- NNUP Safety Committee Update
  - Armesha Jones, NNUP Safety Committee Chairperson
    - March 2016 - came back to Near North from row houses, wanted something better. Not just nice housing but safety! NNUP embraced and showed her how safety can look. Now wants to share with others.
      - You can get the resources if you want them
        - Wants diversity, connection, 18th district is great partner, get involved, not just talking - brainstorming every third Tuesday of the month - power talk on safety, and updates from police, and stakeholders
      - Social Lab initiative - series of steps, chronic problem, form a group, plan, execute and document of plan
      - National Night Out - 35th anniversary, August 7th, Streeterville, River North, gold coast
        - Chalk the walk & community walk
          - T-shirts for walk
- O Development Group
  - Community Survey Result Presentation - Legacy Project (sentimental)
    - Odie Fakhouri, Founder - Introduced himself at NNUP April meeting, property at Hobbie and Iarrabee, family owned since 1980's, reinvested in the community since then - exciting to hear about all the changes.
    - The more we can bring people together at a young age makes the world better - well said Randall Blakey
      - Katie - Program research manager for O Development
      - Richard Hayes -
      - Ruth - Park Church, informal ways community members connect
    - Why does the O logo look that way? Circle = work never complete, spaceship earth all going through together
      - Mentors - go to community first and ask? What do you need? What's relevance?
        - Opportunity to bring different kind of retail

- Survey - not large enough sample would like to continue to survey community members
      - Odie walked/talked through powerpoint slides
  - Ruth - Park Church
    - Thursday 6:30 pm nite - hosting dinners in Cabrini
      - Bring food in row houses behind cambridge and enjoy meal with everyone in community - all are welcome - 6:30PM
    - Beyond the survey - casual conversations
  - Q - thank you for addressing community first - if city allows, open 1st floor - how to keep from turning into uptight not in my backyard type of development?
    - Build physical realestate to serve social issues - greatest progress when it's all people and not segmenting out specific groups.

**Announcements - Ben Austin, Book signing Thursday, June 28th 5to7PM 50 free books!  
There is an RSVP online - tell a friend**

- **Suggestion Box** at the check in table - please feel free to drop off suggestions for NNUP
- **NNUP will be 'On the Move'** and hosting the NNUP Monthly meetings at different locations throughout our community - stay tuned for more information and location announcements
- **June 28 - Movies in the Park, Black Panther at Seward Park, 8:30 pm, 375 W. Elm**
- **July 12 - Seward Park Advisory Council, 6pm, 375 W. Elm**
- **July 13 - Seward Park Jazz Fest Concert, 6pm, 375 W. Elm**
- **July 17 - Stanton Park Advisory Council, 6pm, 618 W. Scott**
- **July 18 - No 'Coffee with the Commander', On SUMMER BREAK**
- **July 27 - Seward Park Jazz Fest Concert, 6pm, 375 W. Elm**
- **July 28 - St. Matthew 'Rock the Block', 12pm to 5pm, 1000 N. Orleans St.**
- **July 30 - NNUP Monthly Meeting, location TBD**



