



Near North Unity Program (NNUP)  
Membership Meeting MINUTES  
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm  
Monday, August 27th, 2018

**George Manierre Elementary School  
Library  
1420 N. Hudson Ave.**

**Welcome & Introductions** - Sharon welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked attendees to take 5 minutes to introduce themselves to their neighbor or someone they have not met yet. Sharon reconvened the meeting and reviewed the question and answer guidelines listed below.

- **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.
  
- **Manierre Elementary School - Welcome**
  - Dr. Tinishi Davis, Principal
    - Sharon thanked Principal Davis for hosting NNUP's meeting and welcomed her to the podium.
      - Dr. Davis provided the group with a brief history of her background and relationship with Manierre as she attended Manierre as a child, returned as a teacher, served as Assistant Principal, Interim Principal and this year as Principal with Mr. Allen as Assistant Principal.
      - Manierre currently serves approximately 364 students and is able to serve upwards of 600 students
      - Ferguson Child Parent Center is attached to Manierre in adjacent building and provides pre-school
        - Q- Are there volunteer opportunities and what types?
          - Yes, lots of opportunities ranging from tutoring, teacher assistant to college fairs
  
- **Tutoring Chicago**
  - EL Da' Sheon Nix, Community Relations Director
    - Sharon welcomed EL Da'Sheon to the podium to share Tutoring Chicago information with the community.
      - EL Da'Sheon shared that he has recently joined Tutoring Chicago as its Community Relations Director
      - Tutoring Chicago was formerly Cabrini tutoring
      - Tutoring Chicago serves 800 students, the program began at DePaul/Lincoln Park and now has 4 locations throughout the city, Hyde Park, Logan Square and the near west side.
      - Students meet with tutor/mentors Mondays, Tuesdays, and /or Wednesdays from 6pm to 7:30pm
      - Programming begins September 24 and goes through May

- Volunteers are often, young professionals, no kids, act as mentors as well as tutors
    - Holiday party to celebrate successes, kids make wish list
    - EL Da'Sheon is looking to connect via 'Lunch & Learns' where he can provide program information at cafeteria or break room or volunteer fairs
      - Q - Comment - Incredible experience for my children, student's reading level increase significantly.
      - Q - Will there be more diversity in the tutor/mentors?
        - Yes, bringing more diverse, African American volunteer tutors to the program is a goal.
- MARWEN
  - Barbara Banda, Student and Family Engagement Coordinator
    - Sharon welcomed Barbara to the podium to share MARWEN program and course information with the community.
      - Barbara shared she started at MARWEN as a student and now is their Student and Family Engagement Coordinator
      - MARWEN's mission is to educate and inspire underserved youth through the arts.
        - Focus is on student independence
        - Exposing all students to different audiences
        - Many different mediums, sculpture, fashion, film, etc.
      - Classes meet 1 time/week for 10 weeks
      - No experience is necessary
      - MARWEN hosts a holiday show and just hosted a Family Fest
      - Orientation is September 15th - for more information visit [www.marwen.org](http://www.marwen.org)
- Community 'Spotlight'
  - CW Taekwondo Chicago at Seward Park
    - Instructors, Juliet B. Do and Luis Lovis
    - Sharon welcomed the instructors to the podium to share information on their TKD program at Seward Park
      - They have been at Seward Park for 3 years
      - Program is out of Cornell University, Kukkiwon certified out of Korea
      - Sign up through CW, fliers available at Seward Park or connect with Instructor Do
      - Ages 7 and up to Adults
        - Adults - \$30/3 months
        - Kids free first 3 months
        - Practice 2-3x/week
- Proposed Development at Chicago & Wells
  - AMLI Development
    - Michael Ezgur, Acosta Ezgur LLC
    - Sharon introduced Michael Ezgur to the podium to share information with the community.
      - Michael walked the attendees through a powerpoint presentation with details of the Transit Oriented Development (TOD) proposed plan with target renters being millennials; see below
        - 17 story, masonry and glass inspired by warehouse/gallery district architecture

- 550 SQ FT, 318 rental studio apartment
- Market rate rents estimated at \$1800/month
- Affordable rents estimated at \$800/month
- No onsite parking, identified multiple public parking spaces for guest, etc.
- Public bike station, sidewalk air hose
- Bike box area at corner light for commuters
- CTA kiosk in building
- Developer sponsoring a nearby Divvy station
- retail/coffee shop ground floor
- Large loading dock, 25'X35'
- Amenities - 24 hour doorman, dog run, pool
- massing/density
  - Current PD 7.57 FAR
  - Rezone to Dx7 increase FAR to 10.5
- All 10% of affordable units will be onsite
- 2.5 million to neighborhood opportunity fund, 10% to stay in community
- Stephen Ross, Exec. VP AMLI spoke about AMLI's commitment to the community and community building not only within the project building but also within Near North.
- Michael Ezgur shared that a PD for the parcel had been approved a year ago by a different developer and noted that was in sharp contrast to what AMLI now proposes. The prior approved development had a large blank concrete wall, not pedestrian friendly, taller and not in tune with the community. Michael noted that AMLI has taken care to review the Near North Quality of Life Plan and Design Guidelines and work with the community/neighborhood desires.
- Questions/concerns from those in attendance were in regard to the small unit size not affording housing options for couples or small families and the need for onsite parking whether or not the project was transit oriented or not.

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***Stop by the Chicago Public Library's table as they facilitate card applications***  
***Thank you to Scott Drawe, Near North Branch Manager***

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## **Announcements**

**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

- Aug 30 - NNUP Youth & Families meeting, Capital One Cafe, 1538 N. Clybourn ave. 11 am
- Aug 31 - Jazz at Seward Park Rain Date, 375 W. Elm, 6pm
- Sep 8 - NNUP Employment Committee meeting, Panera Bread on Division St., 9:30 am
- Sep 13 - Seward Park Advisory Council meeting, 375 W. Elm St., 6pm
- Sep 18 - NNUP Safety Committee meeting, 1111 N. Wells St., 10:30 am
- Sep 19 - NNUP 'Coffee with the Commander', 1447 N. Sedgwick St., 9:30 am



