



**Near North Unity Program (NNUP)
Membership Meeting MINUTES
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Monday, October 29th, 2018**

**'On the Road' at Franklin Fine Arts Center
225 W. Evergreen Ave.**

Welcome & Introductions - Randall welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Rebeka Barrera, Franklin Fine Arts for hosting NNUP's October monthly meeting. Randall reviewed the Q&A guidelines for the meeting 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.

AGENDA

- Franklin Fine Arts Center - Welcome
 - Rebeka Barrera, Assistant Principal
 - Ms. Barrera welcomed everyone to Franklin. She provided a brief background on Franklin Fine Arts Center. She shared a photo montage highlighting student performances.
- Community 'Spotlight'
 - Near North Raiders Football Program
 - Kenneth Lyons - Head Coach 12 yr age group
 - Darryl Young - Head Coach 14 yr. Age group
 - 8 & 10 yr age group program co-coached
 - Randall provided a brief background of the Raiders, former coached Tim Moorehead passed away. Randall introduced Ken Lyons, Head football coach of the Raiders to the audience.
 - Ken shared with the group the following:
 - He volunteers and provides safe after school space for the kids participating
 - He provides food and transportation to games for all the kids
 - He lives and works in the community and his own son participates
 - The team is looking for fields to practice, they use Stanton park area - would like a permanent location
 - Practice is daily at 5pm to 7pm
 - Participating in Raiders helps students with skill level prior to entering High school
 - Currently raising funds for equipment and support with food and transportation
 - 'GoFundMe' - Help the Raiders
 - Will also accept donations via 401c3 Helping Hands, please indicate donation is for The Raiders

- Randall charged all of the CBO's in attendance to help support the Raiders with a goal of \$10k in donations
- Emerald City Theater - Randall welcomed Karen to the microphone and stated that Mayor Emanuel has declared 2019 the year of the theater.
 - Karen Cardarelli, Co-founder & Executive Director is also a member of the Commission on Cultural Affairs
 - Emerald City:
 - Tell the story!
 - Solely dedicated to children
 - Located in Lakeview, Lincoln Park and on Michigan ave.
 - In over 40 schools
 - Serves all 50 wards
 - One Fund Grant (<http://www.emeraldcitytheatre.com/support-us/one-fund/>) Outreach initiative to inspire the love of the arts and support literacy
 - Provided over 95k free books to cps students
 - Every 2nd and 3rd grader in CPS will receive a free Magic Tree House and live streamed to schools Provide free and discounted tickets to students
 - Upcoming production, Corduroy - \$4k in free performances
 - New Play
 - The Name Jar
 - Selected by the Chicago Public Library
 - Acceptance, friendship, immigration
 - There will be selected playwright workshop performances
 - A Big Day for Baseball, the Jackie Robinson story - 1947
 - Story of his 1st game
 - 60k copies to 2nd and 3rd graders in CPS in 2020
 - Q&A
 - Who can enroll?
 - Any child - tuition/scholarships available
 - Is there support for CPS schools for attending performances?
 - \$30/ticket = \$10/ticket
- Chicago Department of Planning and Development
 - Randall introduced Nelson Cheung from CDPD to share and provide a 'sneak peak' into a new City project - The Wild Mile a floating eco park located in the North branch canal from Division street to North avenue. This project came out of the work done on the North branch framework sessions. Visit www.wildmilechicago.org for more information.
- Groupon - Randall introduced Alicia to the community.
 - Alicia Koch, Global Program Manager - Social Responsibility
 - Celebrating 10 years in the Near North
 - Groupon has a very active volunteer 'work' force, 6,000 and 2,000 in Chicago; they provide support to communities based on their 3 pillars (below). Examples of volunteerism is mentoring students in local schools and volunteering a the Urban farm.

- Food & Security
- STEM Education
- Local Community Development/Small business
- Q&A
 - Is Groupon Leaving Near North
 - Staying in the building, no intent to leave
 - Has Groupon been sold, is there a buyer?
 - Nothing has been communicated to staff

Announcements - Randall asked Sharon to share the announcements below.

- **Suggestion Box** at the check-in table - please feel free to drop off suggestions for NNUP
- Oct 29 - NNUP Monthly Meeting, Franklin Fine Arts Center
- Oct 31 - HALLOWEEN
- Nov 7 - "Kupcakes with Kishasha", Monthly conversation with Head of School, Mrs. Ford
1st Wednesday of each month: 2 time slots - 7:45am & 5pm, Jenner Campus, 1119 N. Cleveland
- Nov 8 - Seward Park PAC meeting, 375 W. Elm, 6PM
- Nov 20 - Stanton Park PAC meeting, 618 W. Scott, 6PM
- Nov 20 - NNUP Safety Committee meeting, 10:30 AM, 1111 N. Wells, Suite 301
- Nov 21 - CANCELED - 'Coffee with the Commander, due to Thanksgiving Holiday
- Nov 22 - THANKSGIVING
- Nov 26 - NNUP November Monthly Meeting
- Nov 29 - NNUP Youth & Families meeting, Capital One Cafe 1538 N. Clybourn ave., 11AM

**** **SAVE THE DATE** ***

NNUP's Annual Community Celebration & Community Advocate Awards
Thursday, December 13th 6pm to 8:30pm