



**Near North Unity Program (NNUP)
Membership Meeting Notes
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Monday, September 30th, 2019**

**Cornerstone Center, Leslie Hall
1111 N. Wells St.**

Welcome & Introductions

- **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.

Notes

- **Introductions**
 - Robin Jobson, NNUP Resident Services Coordinator on behalf of NNUP and three other facilities Maple Pointe.
 - Lathrese Williams, Seward Park Supervisor - Unavailable due to emergency
- **"When Home Won't Let You Stay" photo exhibition**
 - Jonathan Ulanday, Dir. of Worship/Arts, LaSalle Street Church. Oct 12th hosting exhibition ½ sheet hand outs - portrait gallery. Stories of refugees living in America. 10 portrait. Will be kept in Sanctuary. Kept til December. Multi-media. Jazz ensemble will go along with. COmmunal conversation - effects empathic imagination. Refugee stories. Grab flyer.
- **Developments**
 - Chicago Housing Authority (update)
 - Ahlam Khouri, Senior Development Manager -
 - Parkside project - The close of the development was supposed to happen this year. Project was proposed - 54 townhome style for sale, lender required 20 presales before we made presale. Only 9 units were under contract. Phase being proposed is 102 units mixed income rental - 35 Public housing units 31 affordable 36 market rate - perhaps January of next year start?
 - Property on Larrabee by Near North High School. There is now a new Near North Park - south Hunt developer - demo Near North High School building and fence off area by the end of the year. After demo seed like other empty lots CHA has. TIF for demo. First phase plan - TIF extension - expires next year before it expires. State leg by end of the year. 21 stories 189 units. 80 public housing. Hunt will come back and present.
 - Oak and Larrabee - rental and for sale reworking phase. Come out and present again. Moving with rental.
 - Would like it if provide more affordable for sale housing. Affordable for sale units also have to pay taxes, assessments, and parking.
 - Minuteman Press building, 1249 N. Clybourn
 - Gary Allison, Owner

- Dennis Kulek, Attorney
- Add window on Clybourn, 2 parking spaces in back, live on the third and fourth floor. 4th floor all new. 3rd floor kitchen. Been in the community since 1999. No timeline. Get rezoned to include residential. Would construction company hire from the community. Alderman says have to hire from community when you get the zoning change.
- Community says the vendor is unapproachable but others say they have been very helpful. Is a CPS vendor. Alderman says helpful in community.
- Vote taken at the end of evening after Presenters left. Approved with Mixed community support.
- The Orleans Boutique Hotel 864-868 N, Orleans
 - Nick Fitkas, Attorney - This is purchased property it will be owned and operated by McBride and Folkerts who are brother sister. Type one zoning change. 60 hotel rooms. Front set back. Included 5 foot set back, parking there isn't a requirement but they have identified parking located 905 N Orleans, 863 Orleans, 361 W Chestnut, 347 W Chestnut. This is 4 lots within 200 feet to rent for guests on a regular basis. Pepper construction has been selected for construction with a commitment to also have a local minority partner. Self operated hotel will commit with the Alderman office to provide employment, permanent jobs hotel staff and restaurant staff. 12-15 full time employees, Number of people working on construction site have to get - work with NNUP on the hiring from within the community. Get agreement.
 - Scott Allman, architect - 8 story, site plan - alley service and staff parking, mid rise roof just under 80 feet, street friendly, cafe with open windows, maintain street in front of the building, rooftop use still not set, May have lofted space on upper floor, working with city for dedicated drop off zone in front, construction one year construction, have to file for zoning October introduction, may wrap up zoning by the end of the year, DX type 7 type 1 has to come back to the community, 79 feet 10 inches. Mobility accessible 5 rooms,
 - Kim McBride, applicant - live in community, hope to bring the best to the community. Ran a bed and breakfast, continue friends and family discount, no pool, open to giving discounts to people in the neighborhood, feel like home and the proposed 1st floor cafe should have the same feel, Feb March 2021.
 - Kevin Folkerts, applicant
 - Vote taken - Approved All in favor. Community support.

Upcoming Events and Announcements

- Suggestion Box at the check-in table or email mdreczynski@nnup.org with comments
- If you were involved in the community input process or worked on helping implement the 2015 Near North Quality of Life Plan can you fill out the survey on the table.
- Oct 5 - RNRA Ward Park Clean up, Erie and Kingsbury streets, 9 am - 11 am
- Oct 16 - Coffee with the Commander, TBD location, 9:30 am
- Oct 19-20 - Open House Chicago, citywide