



**Near North Unity Program (NNUP)
Membership Meeting NOTES
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Monday, June 29, 2020**

Virtual Zoom Meeting

Welcome & Introductions

- **Review Zoom Question and Answer Guidelines**
 - Presenters will provide details please use Zoom chat to send questions.
 - Link to sign up <https://forms.gle/CD1BG36Y4mUBz7ks5>

NOTES

- Introduction by Randall of Commander Jill Stevens from the 18th District.
- Alderman mentions July 21st Christian Men March, with Old St Pats Church.
- There will be COVID testing at Seward Park July 18th 10-2 pm but get there before 1 to ensure you'll get a test. Winfield Moody also has tests for the community.

- YWCA - Family Works - replace E&ES in Near North area as provider for CHA
 - Olivia Ndyabagye, Site Manager at 904 N. Cambridge in the rowhouses, YWCA works to eliminate racism and help families thrive. YWCA-Family Works has social services and career services for CHA residents. Work with teen moms. Has sexual assault services. Several Coaches on staff to do Family Assessment Plans (FAP)s. Call for more info 312-961-5003, <https://ywcachicago.org/our-work/family-support-services/familyworks/>

- Lincoln Park Community Services 1521 N Wells, Homeless Shelter and Service provider
 - Andy Pires, Executive Director, new to role but is a long time volunteer and worker at shelter. Open in 1985 service and shelter have been around a long time. Two locations on Wells in Old Town and One on Fullerton Ave.
 - To receive homeless services call 311 the city will direct you to open beds. LPCS does have open beds as of right now you can also try to call them directly at 312-286-2707 if there are open beds they can be assigned but if no open beds they will direct you back to the 311 city call line. The Center does provide Teen Service Learning Hours - just not mandated court community service hours. Served 31,000 meals/yr. Always looking for volunteers. <https://lpcschicago.org/get-involved/>

- Surf's Up Restaurant 1143 N. Wells, Black Women Owned restaurant business, believe it's first in the area.
 - Vanetta Roy, Owner, Restaurant is a franchise business that her family began in South Shore. Hours T-TH 11-9, FS 11-10, Sun 12-7, closed Monday. Teacher and restauranter that brings Louisiana style cooking to the community. Greens, Fish, Chicken, and other sides - no vegan, pork, or beef. Stop in to meet Vanetta and pick up menus and learn about her restaurantt.

- CHA updates
 - Ahlam Khouri, Senior Development Manager,

- RFP issued for Rowhouses Feb10 and it was due May 29th. It is now with an Evaluation Team and they may be done with that evaluation by 4th quarter 2020. Rowhouse are designated historically significant so need to work with Illinois historical preservation along with others.
 - Parkside by Holsten is progressing it's phase three, In this phase there will be 102 rental units, a 7 story building and 2 walk ups. Area this phase covers is Larrabee-Elm-Cambridge-Oak. Empty lot across from Ogden-Jenner is now in another phase but working to get developments financed and all Parkside parcels completed. Development will all be rental as bank financing fell through when less than 30% of market rate for sale townhome units sold. Completion projected for Feb '2022 with occupancy Dec 31, 2022.
 - Near North High School - CHA had their demo kick off meeting. Property needs to be first abated as there is some asbestos tile and pipe wrap. In about 3 weeks letters will be sent out to inform nearby residents when demolition will start. All Demo is top down using a grappler and there will be no implosions like in Little Village and there will be high pressure dust suppression. Demo completion goal is for Sept 2020.
 - Oak and Larrabee - Brinshore development, need to find new source of tax credit for property development. Looking to IDA to find out if the developer was awarded funds. The TIF for area was extended so this will help when developing the area.
- Remembrance for Deidre Brewster Randall, Alderman, and Sharon spoke of Deidre's lifelong commitment to justice issues and her role in the 70 acres movie. She was in the community fighting before NNUP existed and she was an early supporter of NNUP's work in the community.
 - Randall announces the new President at Moody Bible Mark Jobe - suggests we invite him to one of our next Monthly meetings.
 - July 27 - NNUP Monthly Meeting, location TBD, 6 pm- 7:30 pm