



**Near North Unity Program (NNUP)
Membership Meeting NOTES
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Monday, September 28, 2020**

Virtual Zoom Meeting

Welcome & Introductions

- **Review Zoom Question and Answer Guidelines**
- **Break out Introduction Groups**
 - Link to pre-register sign up <https://forms.gle/mHqojdH99taCQSBW7>

NOTES

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT (10-12 minutes)

- Noble Network Charter School - Anti Racism Efforts
 - Ellen Moiani, Senior Manager, Govt. and Community Affairs
 - D. Nigel Green, Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
 - Presentation on efforts at Noble school to look at all systems and processes to combat racism in hiring, promoting, teaching, and all student engagements. Left link to anti-racism video in the chat on the meeting.
- Maple Pointe Residents Community Appeal
 - Residents at Maple Pointe ask the Alderman and community for more security at the building. There is security from 10 pm - 6am but residents say people are prying open doors and sleeping in building, using bathrooms, and stealing packages. Alderman takes resident Rodriguez's phone number and says he will follow up with him. There used to be a front desk security person at all times but now it's just a code to get in the building and seniors and others are frightened.

LOCAL UPDATES (5-7 minutes each)

- Chicago Park District - Durso Park
 - London Walther, Project Manager
 - There was a slide presentation that showed a plan for park development that was voted on by the community. Children at the Jessie White Center were able to contribute to the plan. There is a younger and older child area of play. There will be wood chips and new equipment in the park and will be complete by 2021. Construction will start in the 4th quarter of 2020.
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- Aldi - the 201 W. Division Street Store
 - Chris Stair, Corporate Director of Real Estate, Batavia IL
 - Cheston Arthur, Corporate Director of Operations, Batavia IL
 - Chris and Cheston Called in to the meeting. 21 employees were hired at the new site, 5 were transferred to the store and 16 others are new hires. The store started construction in March and officially opened July 30th. With COVID there was no store grand opening or store opening promotions. Did not want to promote large crowds at the store. Aldi's carries Organic, Gluten Free, and other specialty items.

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- Related Management Company
 - Joe LaMantia, Senior Vice President
 - Related management does affordable housing management and manages Marshall Field Gardens apartments. Marshall Field Gardens is located between Sedgwick/Hudson and Blawhawk/Evergreen. There are 10 buildings, 628 units, and apx 2400 residents with many of them being young.
 - There have been on-going conversations with the community about safety on Hudson street. The Hudson street community collaborative, Dr. Davis (Mainerre), and Marshall Field Gardens Resident Association have been working with Related.
 - Related has hired a consultant Quentin Williams, to engage with the residents, community, and other stakeholders to find a long term plan for Hudson street and surrounding area by Marshall Field Gardens. There has been a staged approach to this work.
 - Assessment of Community
 - Strategy Development 45-60 days (where process is now - collecting input from community surveys (on-line) suggested in-person as well.) Quentin is in town from October 6-9th community members can reach out to him and also can use Community room to meet and gather input from residents.
 - Implementation of the strategy
 - Follow up

DEVELOPER PRESENTATIONS (each project 10- 15 minutes each)

- Structured Development - Total presented is 107 affordable housing units across two developments. 40 affordable rental units in 1433 N Halsted and 67 for sale affordable units in Big Deahl - with 34 units on the Near North side and 33 affordable for sale units located in the far western portion of the 27th ward.
 - 1433 N. Halsted - Affordable New City units called Shiller Place - update on project
 - Project preceded the Affordable City Ordinance for New City development, but Structured said they would do 10% affordable and 10% CHA. Which is 40 units affordable out of the 48 that are being built on the property across from New City in vacant land next to North town Village.
 - There are three four story buildings, 16 units each, 4 units per floor, 2 two bedroom and two one bedroom on each floor. Permit 9/28 start the third week of October, with completion in 2021.
 - There will be brick and cement board to match into the transition area between North Town and New City. Showed pictures of materials used on buildings.
 - Evergreen Realty managing. They are the Not for profit partner. There will be one full and one part time position and will have social services. There was a 7.8 million dollar donation land donation.
 - The sidewalks have been widened and Structure will look at additional signage to address concerns about pedestrian safety with the three egress points of the parking lots. Also concerns about pedestrian and biker safety were raised because Shiller is a through street for many.
 - Mike Drew, Principal
 - Jeffrey Berta, Senior Director of Real Estate
 - Big Deahl Development - at Blackhawk, Dayton, and Kingsbury Streets in the Halsted Triangle - which is at 1450 N Dayton - took Zoom poll at end of meeting Community **VOTED 100% in favor of development - 22 votes**
 - Halsted Triangle was light industrial and now there is a new proposed plan that was recently completed by the city to allow more residential in the area. PD1292 phase one was approved and that is the Planet Granite gym that is already being built on the site and is labeled as building one. There are three more buildings in phase two and that is what was discussed at the meeting.
 - The three buildings that are being proposed vary in height and maintain the best line of sight for the other buildings in the area like the SONO. There will be a privately owned, publicly accessible

park in the center of the development with several points of entry. Community can use it and there will be a dog park on site.

- One building is on site affordable “for sale large sized” units - 34 for sale on site, 33 for sale off site at Harrison and Fransisco - all in the 27th ward.

Upcoming Events and Announcements

- Oct 8 - Community Conversations with 18th District Police, via Zoom, 6 pm
- Oct 26 - NNUP Monthly meeting, via Zoom, 6 pm
- Oct 29 - NNUP Youth and Family meeting, location TBD, 6 pm
- Nov 10 - CAPS Beat meeting 1821-1824, Zoom, 6 pm