



**Near North Unity Program (NNUP)
Membership Meeting NOTES
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Monday, April 26th, 2021**

Virtual Zoom Meeting

Welcome & Introductions

- **Review Zoom Question and Answer Guidelines**
- **Introductions**
 - Link to pre-register sign up <https://forms.gle/bUKAQifUdg8rsxzy8>
 - Live link will be sent to you on Monday afternoon (call my cell 773-330-9973 for any last minute questions.) You can sign on Zoom meeting at 5:55 pm.

AGENDA

- State of Illinois
 - 5th District
 - Representative Lamont Robinson
 - Passed in the House legislation to replace Lead drinking water pipes in Illinois. This was a bi-partisan effort to support bringing clean drinking water to communities.
 - Call your State Senators to ask them to support the bill in the Senate - Hunter and Van Pelt.
 - After the Senate passes the bill, then the Governor signs the bill.
 - The bill is for Safety by removing lead.
 - The bill provides for jobs and puts people to work replacing the infrastructure
 - Presidential support through federal infrastructure bill - State will be positioned to accept federal money. Benefit to Chicago as well, so City residents won't have to pay an increase in taxes for the lead pipe replacement which is good..
 - Question - Does lead get into the water as the pipes are transitioned?
Answer we know is if we don't do anything there will be lead in the water. Use agencies to communicate with communities that the replacement is being done so people know when it's happening.
 - Work with NNUP to help get people from the community hired for new lead pipe replacement jobs.
 - Also working on effects that Mercy Hospital closing would bring to community. Too many hospitals in poorer areas are closing - Mercy shouldn't close.
- Chicago Police Department

- Priorities Plan
 - Sergeant Chris Schnek, 18th District CAPS office introduces Sergeant Riga.
 - Sergeant William Riga, Office of Community Policing
 - Introduces the Strategic Plan from the Chicago Police.
 - <https://home.chicagopolice.org/community-policing-group/district-strategic-plans/>
 - Go to Community tab click,
 - then go to Strategic Plan tab click,
 - then go to 18th District tab click.
 - Community input from the October November CPD Community Conversations is incorporated into this Strategic Plan.
 - Pillars of Community Policing,
 - Youth Engagement, Relationships and Trust, Create Standards, Effective Problem Solving, Regular Evaluation of Community Policing, Reinforces Community Policing Model
 - Every officer is being trained to be a Community Police Officer.
 - Neighborhood Policing Initiative
 - District Coordination
 - Community Ambassadors - See/Talk to Sergeant Schnek if you want to sign up to be an Ambassador.
 - Community Training Academy (CTA) where officers will go meet with the community and learn what it's like to live in a certain community.
 - One initiative is the Clean and Green streets - where one block is identified for cleaning, fixing of lights, etc... work across city agencies to bring back this block.
 - There are 22 districts and this is being rolled out in certain districts and will then be rolled out city wide.
 - Work with businesses, landlords and others to help inform about laws and engagement strategies.
 - Please look at CPD website to see the requests for community input about policy. You can respond with your feedback.
 - "We can go further even if it's quicker to go by yourself".
- Urban Wildlife Institute
 - Chicago Rat Project
 - Dr. Maureen Murray, Disease Ecologist
 - Jackie Buckley, Project Coordinator
 - Presenters share bios and their relationship with Lincoln Park Zoo. Urban Wildlife Institute research and studies urban biodiversity including human wildlife conflict.
 - Rats are associated with diseases. The Chicago Rat Project will measure rats and disease across the city. Local for patterns based on income and equity.
 - Work with the city to advocate for changes. Work with Dept of Streets and Sans on future efforts like measure effect of alley garbage clean ups on rat population
 - Research - survey, in person, and active rat trapping. Each activity you can receive money for participating. Up to \$50 dollars - for doing survey, in person, and trapping. <https://www.lpzoo.org/science-project/the-chicago-rat-project/>
- Near North Health
 - Upcoming COVID Vaccine Events and Testing
 - Kathleen Jackson, Director of External Affairs

- Near North Health has been in existence for 54 years and is located in our community at 1276 N Clybourn.
 - Will partner with other organizations for COVID testing and vaccines.
 - There will be a May16th partner event with By the Hand look on website for info.
- Project Education Plus shared there is a new boys baseball program and girls softball program between several CPS schools in the area. (Manierre, Franklin, Ogden Jenner).

Upcoming Events and Announcements

- May 18 - CPD 18th District CAPS meeting 1822/23, Zoom, 5 and 6 pm
- May 19 - Coffee with the Commander, location TBD, 10 am
- May 20 - CPD 18th District CAPS meeting 1821,24, Zoom, 5 and 6 pm
- May 24 - NNUP monthly meeting, 6 pm, date change not the 31st