



**Near North Unity Program (NNUP)
Membership Meeting NOTES
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Monday, February 22, 2021**

Virtual Zoom Meeting

Welcome & Introductions

- **Review Zoom Question and Answer Guidelines**
- **Introductions**

AGENDA

- City of Chicago Department of Family and Support Services
 - Senior Services.
 - Victoria Russo, Supervisor Family Support Program
 - Karen Kolb Flub, Manager of Family Support Programs for In-home and Support Services
 - Powerpoint presentation covering services. There are local, state, and federal resources. Chore help, companion volunteers, meal home delivery for food, food pick up, legal services, help with social isolation. Meal service 60 years old plus. Chore help - for short term and long term need.
 - Caregiver support services - up to \$250/yr. Respite services for caregivers up to 80 hours a year - , 40 hr/per 6 months. Also, have caregiver training which is a 6 week program for 2 hours a week for a total of 12 hours. Don't have to live in the household with the person.
 - Help for Grandparents raising grandkids. Gap filling up to \$1000 of essential goods (55+ age) for a child under 18.
 - Apartment manager training - Feb 23rd 2-4 pm
 - Call 311 or 744-4016 to find resources and help.
- Franklin Fine Arts Academy
 - CPS students return to in-person classes and facility use.
 - Rebeka Barerra, Assistant Principal
 - PowerPoint presentation about return to school. Reminder students will be dropped off in the morning 7:50 - 8:20, dismissal at 3:00 pm, and students will be on the school playground and grounds.
 - Students and anyone entering CPS will have to fill out a health screener.
 - Discussed protocols of safe rooms for students who don't feel good. Students who are sick will need to be picked up as there is no bus transport.
 - Posted signs around property about proper use of fields - no off lease dogs. There is a money spent to pick up dog waste and garbage that could be used in the building and student classrooms.
 - Showed a link to a survey for a new proposed park on Orleans under el track.
- Chicago Public Schools - NO SHOW
 - Protocols for returning students.

- Jerri Sims. Family Engagement Manager
- New Clybourn Street Restaurant - NO SHOW
 - Welcome to the Neighborhood.
 - Ninotchka Lindsey Bey, Owner
- Neighborhood Development
 - Division Street Brown line El Stop Future
 - Jon DeVries, American Institute of Certified Planners
 - Presented the history of the 2009 Central Area Plan which identified the Division Ave Brown line stop as an opportunity for the community. Discussed the easement creation in relation to the Chicago Orleans Housing consortium. Land was donated for this easement. The estimated cost \$50-60 million dollars. Near North TIF extended 10 more years.
 - Line capacity issue needs to be addressed - no northbound capacity constraint, can increase train platform and train length to increase capacity. There is a conceptual plan for a restored el stop.
 - Elimination of el stops in areas with public housing is a legacy racism issue. Damen ave. el stop as well as Cermack and Fulton show the impact new el stops have on neighborhoods. Including increasing housing density in area that support transit oriented development.
 - CHA estimates 2800 more units in area plus there is the proposed North Union development and concluding Atrium Village redevelopment. There is land from the Atrium development that has been allocated for an el stop.
 - John is a long time community advocate and professional certified planner that is retired. He still has association with Holy Family Lutheran church and Chicago Orleans housing.

Upcoming Events and Announcements

- Feb 25 - NNUP Youth and Family meeting, Conference call, 11 am
- March 16 - CPD 18th District CAPS meeting 1822/23, Zoom, 5 and 6 pm
- March 18 - CPD 18th District CAPS meeting 1821,24, Zoom, 5 and 6 pm
- March 29 - NNUP Monthly Meeting, via Zoom, 6 pm