



**Near North Unity Program (NNUP)
Membership Meeting NOTES
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Monday, January 25, 2021**

Virtual Zoom Meeting

Welcome & Introductions

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

AGENDA

- North Branch Works
 - Community Resources for Residents and Small Business
 - Jonathan Snyder, Executive Director
 - History of North Branch - they have been around 35 year and have a strong relationship with the Alderman and others in the community. There is a Small business Loan Fund - Not for profits can apply as well as other small businesses. Loan amounts are up to \$25,000 for new business up to \$35,000 for established businesses.
 - Will help businesses find banks and other funds as well. They work to connect and advocate for businesses. Work with Tax Credit applications, TIFworks. These programs are not business interruptions funds but on-going programs. Also do business round tables.

- CPS
 - School Reopening Update and Employment Opportunities
 - Judy Camacho, Director of Strategic Initiatives
 - CPS has invested 100 million dollars into school re-opening including PPE and health mitigation measures including health protocols such as purchasing face coverings, creating Pods of 15 students or less per classroom, supporting contact tracing, maintaining social distancing,
 - CPS and CTU have met 55 times since the beginning of the year and they continue to meet. Look up the Shared Vision document.
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1S4wccATweGlyp0ZzQMA8uAvn708MZSCX5dmaYKBAqSM/preview>
 - Air ventilation in place - spent 8 million dollars on new hepa filters, no visitors in buildings, hired 400 new cleaning people, and hired contact tracers
 - CPS is hiring Substitute Cadres (substitute that are assigned to a specific school - need credentials for this position). Also hiring part time staff 15/hr with no benefits
 - Aramark hiring cleaning staff \$15.55/hr in-person Jan 27th
 - jdchambers3@cps.edu Jamal

- CHA update

- Ahlam Khouri, Senior Development Manager
 - Demo of the Near North High school site is moving along with some delay. There was a delay due to a four foot cement wall to the pool that needed to be broken up. No one knew the lower level pool walls would be so thick. This stage of demo took more time because of this unforeseen detail.
 - The usable broken up construction material will be used as fill for the site, there will be drainage installed, the property will be graded (by March), and then at some point the site will be seeded.
 - The first phase of the project will be rental. Hunt Groups is developer. They are working on getting financing. If they get financed the project should close by second quarter 2022.
 - Oak and Larrabee site - the developer has applied for tax credits. The developer may be able to present to NNUP in March if they get financing in February.

Upcoming Events and Announcements

- Jan 28 - NNUP Youth and Family meeting, Conference call, 11 am
- Feb 22 - NNUP Monthly meeting, Zoom, 6 pm
- 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