



**Near North Unity Program (NNUP)
Membership Meeting NOTES
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Monday, February 29, 2021**

Virtual Zoom Meeting

Welcome & Introductions

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

AGENDA

- Cook County IL
 - 12th District
 - Commissioner Bridget Degnen
 - There is an upcoming Next Street Small Business Cook County Seminar, PPP loans, webinar and Economic Injury loans from the county available.
 - Property taxes which were due March 2nd the late fee is waived until May 3rd. Also Tax sale is postponed indefinitely. Remember to check on the Senior freeze, there will be no new Cook county taxes but the city is being reassessed.
 - Legislative update - there is a Clean Energy Jobs Act for Solar and wind. Trying to get partnerships between the city and county where applicable. Has been writing communications.
 - Illinois Clean Energy Foundation can work with schools on creating programs around renewable energy. Engineering, STEM of clean energy partner with CPS. There is 90% of the funding for this program needs the 10% for bridge funding in order to implement successfully.
 - CPACE - low cost long term financing attached to property loan.
 - Industrial output
 - Tree Canopy
 - Native Gardens
 - Invest in Cook County - Motor Fuel tax - transportation
 - Earth Day is coming up.
 - Sign up for the Newsletter from the Commissioners office.
- Noble Schools
 - Noble Academy, 1443 N Ogden.
 - Ellen Moiani, Senior Manager Government and Community Affairs
 - Alan Gonzalez, Bilingual Community Organizer
 - Students are not yet back in the school building.
 - CICS management has decided to close school and vacate 1443 N Ogden.
 - Noble is working with CICS to offer seats to any student who wants one at Noble.

- Noble has to petition and submit an application to CPS to assume use of space that CICS will vacate and they are asking for community support in the form of writing a letter. CPS will vote in May on whether to allow Noble to use the space that CICS is vacating.
- Noble is continuing to expand anti-racism efforts. 98 % of students in Noble are People of Color.
- Chicago Park District
 - Park 598 - Larrabee street
 - Joyce Freeman - Herron, Park Supervisor
 - Michael Lange - Project Manager
 - Stanton and Park 598 have the same PAC - would like more community members to join. The PAC meets the third Tuesday of the month. Dan Miller President.
 - Michael spoke about the 2018 planning process after the land was transferred from CHA to the Park District for Park 598. Then he showed images of the 598 park layout. He answered questions about the DFA, materials in the park, construction bidding, and the 2019 remediation of the property.
 - Joyce talks about Stanton and lets everyone know The pool is open and you can sign up for lap swim in a single lane. No open swim. She talks about the After school program opening for 4-17 year olds and possibility of Park Kids and the other on-site program. Depends on direction from the city and Department of Health. Keep checking the park for updates.
- By the Hand Club
 - 20th Anniversary
 - Dezsiree Jones, Cabrini location
 - Shown presentation of the 20th anniversary celebration and mural unveiling at By the Hand Club on Oak street.

Upcoming Events and Announcements

- April Coffee with the Commander restarting
- April 15 - River West Neighbors and NNUP joint meeting about development at 901N Halsted the Greyhound bus property, 6 pm via Zoom
- April 26 - NNUP Monthly Meeting, via Zoom
- May 18 - CPD 18th District CAPS meeting 1822/23, Zoom, 5 and 6 pm
- May 20 - CPD 18th District CAPS meeting 1821,24, Zoom, 5 and 6 pm