



**Near North Unity Program (NNUP)
Membership Meeting NOTES
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Monday, June 28th, 2021**

Virtual Zoom Meeting

Welcome & Introductions

- **Review Zoom Question and Answer Guidelines**
- **Introductions**
 - Link to pre-register sign up <https://forms.gle/YGd5WZssuQ1mMHuY6>
 - 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

- **Community Thank You**
 - Alderman formally recognizes Dr Jackson, Dr McDade, and Mr Johnson from the Chicago Public Schools for their work in the city and the 27th ward. Then these CPS members spoke about their experience with NNUP and the community. They talked about the history of the Ogden Jenner merger and their other work within the Near North. Conversations and recognition for all the community work with the Jenner Ogden Advisory Board was talked about, including short speeches from Randall, Seth Limmer, and Michele Dreczynski thanking CPS for their help along the way.
 - Dr. Janice Jackson
 - Latanya McDade
 - Chip Johnson (FACE) Office of Family and Community Engagement
- **Illinois House of Representatives**
 - 9th District
 - Representative Lakesia Collins talked about House Bill 690 free Dental Care for Vets. She also spoke about Energy legislation and the Lead Pipe Bill which she supports.
 - The representative will be reaching out to people to understand what their thoughts are on the elected school board bill.
- **Illinois Department of Employment Security**
 - Don Ryan, Statewide Trainer talked about Illinois Joblink.com and illinois.job2wbb.com. He showed how to use the State's site to search jobs, find virtual job fairs, use multiple resumes, and find training opportunities.

- There were discussions about the Get Hired Illinois campaign and how to apply whether you were or were not a State employee already.
- Don left his contact information in the chat Don.Ryan@illinois.gov.
- Chicago Lights Dance Academy
 - Patricia Mendez, Program Director talked about the history and current state of the Chicago Lights free dance program for students. Next classes start July 6th. They have 6 teaching artists and have multiple forms of dance taught. Not a travelling company normally have the dance shows at 4th Presbyterian or inside participating schools.
 - Salazar, Ogden-Jenner and Manierre, which are local schools, are in the program.
 - Summer program has 12-13 pieces of new dance taught.
- Randall communicates to the community that Senator Van Pelt followed up on a request that was made to her at the last NNUP monthly meeting, for money for Near North Parks.
 - There is an understanding that Seward, Stanton, and Park 598 have all been allocated additional state money based upon a request from Senator Van Pelt. (Total for all three parks allocation may be up to \$750,000)

Upcoming Events and Announcements

- July 20 - CAPS meeting Beat 1822/23, 5 pm
- July 21 - Coffee with the Commander, is at Moody Church, 1635 N LaSalle, at 10 am
- July 22 - CAPS meeting Beat 1821/24, 5 pm
- July 26 - Monthly meeting via Zoom, 6 pm