



**Near North Unity Program (NNUP)  
Membership Meeting NOTES  
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm  
Monday, May 24th, 2021**

**Virtual Zoom Meeting**

**Welcome & Introductions**

- **Review Zoom Question and Answer Guidelines**
- **Introductions**
  - Link to pre-register sign up <https://forms.gle/VyXYLC4zcctdgcB18>
  - 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.

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**AGENDA**

State of Illinois

- 5th District
  - Senator Patricia Van Pelt spoke later in meeting.
    - Will support lead pipe removal legislation. Bill 3739 and 2128. She will follow these as they come to the floor of the Senate.
    - Asks for parks that could use more dollars for improvements.
    - Acknowledges the role NNUP has played and continues to play in the community. Thanks NNUP for all they do.
- YWCA
  - Racial Equity League
    - Jill O'Donovan, Chief Innovation Officer
      - Gave history of YWCA and mission to eliminate racism and empower women. There are over 200 local YWCAs. They give childcare referrals, help small business, train for Rape Crisis help line, distribute cash directly to the community. Give food, have Project Help, and Young Parents program, Leadership Council.
      - \$25/yr fee to join Racial Justice League but can use printed resources in the Learning Library for free. Have meet ups to discuss how to add action items to achieve Just Is form of Justice. YWCA took a pledge to Racial Justice.
      - [www.UntilJusticeJustIs.org](http://www.UntilJusticeJustIs.org)
    - Stephanie Evans, Local Family Works YWCA, Cabrini Rowhouses Cambridge street

- Spoke about the food, clothing, and service resources that are given within the Cabrini row house community. Work with City Church to provide boxes of food for those in need.
  - Saw pictures from Bike give early this past year.
  - Khadija is following up to see if YWCA can work up by Marshall Field Gardens as well.
- City Church Chicago
  - Services - Weekly Food Giveaway
    - Joshua Doumani, Operations
      - Gave details of how the boxed food giveaway program evolved in the 27th Ward.
      - Give away 1200 boxes of food every Saturday starting at 8:30 am. One box of food could feed a family of 4 for a week.
      - Partner with Midwest food. Looking for a cold storage partner.
      - Adding 128 S. Paulina site. The Love Bridge.
- Introductions
  - Linda Fleener, Old Town Merchants and Residents Association, New Director
    - Wells street Art Aug 14-15th.
    - Worked with Alderman Hopkins before.
  - Cheryl Hamilton Hill, Lincoln Park Community Services, New Director
    - Describes services. Provide food, clothing, housing, and services for the homeless. Also work to find permanent housing for residents.
    - History of successful fund raising.
    - Was honored by the YWCA in another city for her community work.

## **Upcoming Events and Announcements**

- Randall spoke of the disparity in Asian American and Pacific Islander access to funding and stated charities for AAPI receive only .20 out of every \$100 collected. Discussed Tach Act where AAPI history is also taught in public schools.
- Noble school's application to use the entire building at 1443 N Ogden was approved by CPS. Thank you to everyone who provided advocacy for this.
- Moody has COVID vaccines available tomorrow starting at 8 am at the Moody Church. 1630 N Clark.
- CPD has seminar tomorrow 5/25 about teen suicide prevention. Sergeant Schnek.
- May 28 - Faith Walk, CPD 18th District start, 6 pm
- June 16, - Coffee with the Commander, 1200 N Clybourn building garden, 10 am
- June 28 - Monthly meeting via Zoom, 6 pm