



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

## Virtual Zoom Meeting

### Welcome & Introductions

- Review Zoom Question and Answer Guidelines
    - Presenters will provide details please use Zoom chat to send questions.
    - Sign-up Form: <https://forms.gle/A2A7n7oDN61hWYvP6>
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### NOTES

- **National Public Housing Museum**
  - Shakira Johnson, Assistant Educator and Oral Historian
    - Tells her story that she grew up in Public Housing and now works for the Public Housing Museum.
  - Mark Jaeschke, Oral History and Program Coordinator
    - Mark plays a segment from Spotify - "Out of the Archives" as a resident from Cabrini gives a recorded first hand account, about her childhood in the row houses and how she leaves Cabrini in 1967 for a new neighborhood. There is sadness in her departure as she views Cabrini as home. Had what you needed, not necessarily what you always wanted.
  - Tiff Beatty, Direct of Arts, Culture, and Public Policy
    - Museum will be moving to a new built out location, but currently the museum resides on the Near North side at 625 N Kingsbury.
    - Museum works to Promote, Propel, and Preserve stories and details from Public Housing.
  - Liú Chen, Oral History Archive Manager
    - Museum Oral History Project is collecting stories.
    - Candyman film project in collaboration with the Chicago History Museum. There will be a screening on Nov 6th in the South Loop. Details will be sent out.
    - Public Housing Museum looking for Cabrini stories.
    - To share your story click link below:
      - <https://www.nphm.org/get-involved/share-your-story>
    - Contact Mark Jaeschke for more information. [mjaeschke@nphm.org](mailto:mjaeschke@nphm.org)
- **Chicago Park District**
  - Lathrese Williams, Seward Park Supervisor
    - Lathrese gave a construction update.

- Seward Park renovations and playground update on track to be complete March 2022.
      - Park Kids should resume at this time.
    - A picture of the new playground equipment was shown.
    - Community member asked if there was input gathered from the community for the new playground equipment? Answer was NO community input for the new playground equipment selection. The PAC decided.
    - Construction was delayed due to underground piping issues.
      - Had to dig under basketball courts.
    - A Breakdown of what was renovated was provided.
      - The renovation process is about 50% complete.
  - Joyce Freeman-Herron, Stanton Park/Park 598 Supervisor
    - Joyce gives update about Stanton and Park 598
    - New Stanton Park playground is 3 years old.
    - Halloween party is this Saturday 10/30 at noon.
    - Learn to swim classes are back and fill up fast.
    - View new class session details on Nov 29th.
      - Save the classes you pick into your wishlist.
    - Fall session sign up is on Dec 7th for PARks east of California
    - Park 598 Updates
      - Long process of Community Engagement to come to the place the Park planning process is today. PAC, Park District, and Community have worked together.
      - Begin Spring 2022
      - In Park 598 there is a Track, Children play area, Adult work out area, and a DFA. Joyce showed a picture.
        - DFA is 5000 sq feet and has a small and big dog area.
      - PAC meeting the third Tuesday of the month
    - Randall comments we are waiting for the \$750,000 allocated from the State process from Senator Van Pelt for the three parks in our area. Randall is following up.
- Chicago Public Schools - Family and Community Engagement Office (FACE)
  - Jerri Sims, Family and Community Engagement Specialist - Network 6
    - Jerri gives update about CPS Parent University, District Advisory Councils - every second Tuesday of the month (Symth School at 1059 W 13th street)
    - Virtual and In person training for Parents
      - Tech and Cooking classes
      - Certifications for classes
      - Combine Network 3,5, and 6 in CPS (West Side schools)
    - Need Volunteers at CPS
      - Level 1 and Level 2, depends on how much time you will spend with stents and in class will depend on the Level.
    - New FACE Chief - Adrian Segura
    - Jerri will send flyers for NNUP to post.
- Halloween/Thanksgiving Events
  - Vince Carter, Project Education Plus - Oct 29th 3:30 - 5:30 pm
  - Ryan Hutton, Park Community Church - Oct 30th 2-4 pm
  - Ben Jaffe, Chicago Lights - Oct 30th - noon - 3 pm
- Men's Ministry at LaSalle Street Church is doing their Turkey give away at the Cabrini Row houses and Marshall Field Gardens this year.
  - Vouchers from the LAC

## **Upcoming Events and Announcements**

- **Oct 29 - Project Education Plus/CHA, Halloween Trick or Treat, by Holy Family, after school**
- **Oct 30 - Trunk or Treat, Park Community Church, 1001 N Crosby, 2-4 pm**
- **Oct 30 - Chicago Lights 'Halloween on Hudson', 12-3 pm (costumes, pumpkin decorating, bouncy houses, farm tours, etc)**
- **Nov 25 - Thanksgiving**
- **Nov 29 - NNUP Monthly Meeting**
- **Dec 13 - NNUP December Celebration**