



Near North Unity Program (NNUP)
Membership Meeting NOTES
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Monday, September 27, 2021

Virtual Zoom Meeting

Welcome & Introductions

- Review Zoom Question and Answer Guidelines
 - Presenters will provide details please use Zoom chat to send questions.
 - Link to sign up <https://forms.gle/aBGPYWBQADeNGZCbA>

AGENDA

- Youth for a Better Future, 1348 N. Sedgwick, Chicago, 60610
 - Adem Aluka, Founder
 - Adem spoke of being a self funded program. He is working on becoming a CPS approved vendor. YFBF is a 501S not for Profit organization. The AP of Franklin suggested he continue working with the school to get a letter of recommendation from them so he can continue the vendor process.
 - Alderman Burnett speaks of all the good work the organization does. Most of the students who attend the programs come from Marshall Field Gardens but there are also students from the rowhouses and local high schools.
 - YFBF has fitness, technology, photography and other programs after school and on the weekends.
- Manierre School
 - Leah Lossin, CPS Head Teacher
 - Pre-K and other services at Manierre
 - There are seats for the 8:30 am - 3:30 pm free PreK program at Manierre. You need a birth certificate and proof of city residency.
 - There has been a decline in enrollment in PreK so there's plenty of spots.
 - There's sports and dance from Chicago Lights at the school.
 - Look for the flyer in the NNUP Community News newsletter.
- St Matthews United Methodist Church
 - Pastor Rodney C. Walker
 - Upcoming Homeless/Community Resource Fair Tuesday 9:30 am
 - 1000 N Orleans is the address. The event will correspond with the regular food pantry that St Matthews does from 10-12.
 - There will be city services, City Key, Dept of Family Services, housing assistance, mental health, and many other community services available at the event.
 - Thank 18th District for organizing and partnering to bring awareness to the homeless population in the area.
 - Lincoln Park Community Services residents can attend to find out more about other services.

- **Maurice Edwards, Introduction New President Cabrini CDC**
 - **History of the Cabrini Development Corporation CDC and LAC Local Advisory Council creation in order to make sure replacement housing is put back on-site in Cabrini Green. CDC follows the Federal Consent Decree.**
 - **Partnership with Family Works**
 - **551 W Elm at Parkside just opened. This is an example of mixed income housing that has replacement units in it. There is Affordable, CHA, and Market rate rentals in this development.**

- **Shiller Apartments**
 - **David Block, Director of Development, Evergreen Real Estate**
 - **Jeff Berta, Senior Director of Development, Structured Development**
 - **Mike Drew (Principal at Structured) and John Kennedy also presented**
 - **This is affordable housing connected to the New City development and was created before the city ARO which mandated affordable units on-site.**
 - **The construction is 50% complete. Plumbing and Utilities going in now. Anticipate buildings to be completed as follows: Building one - Jan 2022, Building two - Feb 2022, and Building three - March 2022**
 - **Creating a rental interest list. Call Evergreen at 312-780-9188 for leasing information. Units are market, CHA, and 5 units for a state of IL program set aside mosting for disabled residents. Usually buildings like this take 5 months to lease out but this one may take less because of demand.**
 - **General Contractor is a Section 3 Minority and Vet contractor that is known to the community, His name is Cornelius.**
 - **Work 8-4 Monday-Friday, have contacted nearby schools regarding the construction.**
 - **Connect Maurice with the Developer at a future date.**
 - **Alderman Burnett and Mike Drew both speak about their mutual gratitude for working successfully to bring affordable housing to this New City project.**

Upcoming Events and Announcements

- **October 14 - Seward PAC meeting, 6 pm**
- **October 19 - Stanton PAC meeting, watch for updates, 6 pm**
- **October 20 - NNUP Coffee with the Commander, Lincoln Park Community Services, 1521 N. Sedgwick in the outdoor courtyard, 10 am**
- **October 25 - NNUP Monthly meeting via Zoom, 6 pm**