



**Near North Unity Program (NNUP)  
Membership Meeting NOTES  
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm  
Monday, February 28, 2022**

**Virtual Zoom Meeting**

**Welcome & Introductions**

- **Review Zoom Question and Answer Guidelines**
  - **Break out Introduction Groups**
    - Link  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86082756381?pwd=WkxLdi94ald1bXB6STZwdWZ6TDIMQT09>
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**AGENDA**

- **Communities 4 Construction**
  - LaFrancis Ivy, Senior Placement Coordinator
  - Started as Communities Empowered through Construction. Agency is sevenyears old and is at 2532 W Warren.
  - Agency works directly with General Contractors and other trades to help individuals get into the union trades.
  - They work with organizations like Construction Cares to have wrap-around services as well to support applicants seeking employment. Help for child care, financial literacy, mental health services.
  - Magazine B/ACE. Features stories of success including several individuals from Marshall Field Gardens.
  - Worked on the 808 N Cleveland, 808 N Wells, Cook County Hospital.
  - There is an on-line interest intake form everyone must fill out in order to start the hiring process.
  - Have to pass drug test prior to work with a sub contractor. Be 18+. There are processes to work with ex-offenders as candidates.
  - March 15th Workforce recruitment for 909 Randolph project.
  - 312-909-3903
- **Revolution Workshop**
  - Patti Delgado, Community Outreach Coordinator
  - Non profit Construction training. Entry level. This is a Pre-apprenticeship program
  - In business for 4 years located at 3410 W Lake. Working to get a second location in Pullman.
  - To work individuals need a social security card, all eventually need to get a driver's license. Will work with individuals that need help getting a license.
  - Background friendly. Will work with non violent past offenders. There is work simulated trainings.
  - 12 week program M-F 8 am to 4 pm to simulate real world expectations of employment. There is a probationary period of 2 weeks.
  - Gain entry level skills in carpentry and woodworking. Painting, plumbing, and electric people are connected to these trades as well.
  - Will also provide life skills like Finance literacy, executive functioning, Credit information, and Job Interviewing skills.

- Receive stipend while in training \$50, Venra and/or Gas cards for transportation, tutoring, set up with tools.
- Process is to attend Virtual info sessions, apply, interview, go to orientation, then get a training start date..
- Community Easter Event information
  - Officer Ramona Stoval
  - Community Easter Egg Hunt is April 9th at Stanton Park 11-1 pm. 18th District taking donations.
  - There is a Youth District Advisory Council YDAC at the 18th District Police department. Looking for 16-26 year old community members who would like to be on this committee.
  - Peer Jury program.
- Project Education Plus
  - Vince Carter, Director and Founder
    - Baseball Program
    - Girls Basketball Program
    - Second year of doing baseball in the community.
    - Got a donation of 45 gloves for program. Chicago Social Club and others donate.
    - Play games in Garfield Park. Practices here in community.
- NNUP Safe Passage
  - Michele Dreczynski, NNUP
  - Speaks about a two year community engagement process to get CPS Safety office to provide Safe Passage routes north of Division street. Bring equity to students north of Division. Need additional student safety support for Manierre and Franklin schools.
  - Increase in violence around the area.
  - Will be attending Manierre and Franklin LSCs to let PArents know NNUP continued advocacy for students.

### **Upcoming Events and Announcements**

- March 10 - Seward PAC meeting, 6 pm
- March 15 - CAPS meeting 1822/23, 5 and 6 pm
- March 15 - Stanton PAC meeting, 6 pm
- March 17 - CAPS meeting 1821/24, 5 and 6 pm
- March 28 - NNUP monthly meeting, 6 pm