



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

Virtual Zoom Meeting

Welcome & Introductions

- Review Zoom Question and Answer Guidelines
 - Presenters will provide details please use Zoom chat to send questions.
 - Live Zoom Link:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86082756381?pwd=WkxLdi94ald1bXB6STZwdWZ6TDIMQT09>
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AGENDA

- Update Chicago Park District Park 598
 - Joan Moore, Stanton PAC Secretary
 - The Chicago Park District is waiting on the City of Chicago to change the zoning of the park site to POS-which is the Park Zoning. This will then allow for our building permit to be released. This is actually scheduled to be reviewed and approved at the Committee on Zoning; on March 22.
 - Ogden Avenue we are processing the street vacation for the old Ogden Avenue right of way that goes through the site. This is needed in order to obtain CDOT's sign-off for the permit.
- Safety Update
 - Sergeant Chris Schnek, 18th District CAPS
 - Shooting incidents on Cambridge street this past week are being investigated.
 - If you have video or information please reach out to Chris Schnek or 18th District CAPS.
- Chicago Public Schools
 - Family and Community Engagement Office
 - Earl Granberry, Community Coordinator
 - CPS has community outreach through their Faith Based initiatives to schools in need of support. (Presentation)
 - Safe Haven (many sites across the city)
 - Adopt a School
 - Crisis support (when someone passes away)
 - Partnership between schools and faith based organizations in the Adopt a School program. Student centered - one organization do one service program per year.

- Irma Carvajel - North side contact but Earl has worked across the District and is very familiar with the Near North as well.
 - Introduce Sara Martinez - the FACE Manager from Network 4.
 - 773-553-6611, egrandberry2@cps.edu
- University of Illinois Chicago's Institute for Research on Race and Public Policy, or IRRPP
 - 2021 Chicago's Racial Wealth Gap Report
 - Max Cuddy, Sociology Professor
 - <https://irrpp.uic.edu> - 2021 Racial Wealth Gap Study
 - Measure wealth not just income. Look at Middle class families and compare and contrast by race, Black, Latino, vs White.
 - Several slides and a Powerpoint presentation was shared to illustrate the racial wealth gap in Chicago. Even when education is the same - slides illustrate a large wealth gap by race. Slides illustrate how Black and Latinos were supporting other members of their families and have more education debt, While White families benefit from intergenerational wealth transfers - like college and down payment payment help. There was several first hand narratives shared from the research which illustrated the choices people were making when it came to how to allocate their money.
 - Policy to counteract the wealth gap. Reparations, Baby bonds, etc.. Some are big policy but others like giving a Bond at birth in a college fund are small but meaningful steps.
- 330 W Chestnut
 - Richard Klawiter, Real Estate DLA Global Law
 - Gordon Ziegenhagen, Vice President Draper and Kramer
 - Mike Breclaw, Principal, Fitzgerald
 - Draper and Kramer is a diverse company that also does 3 billion dollars worth of mortgage loans besides developing and managing property. Long time working in the Near North area.
 - Fitzgerald recaps of other nearby projects they have worked on.
 - Zoning change from C15-DX5, Purchased bonus for new downtown zoning designation but did not maximize floor area (FAR) which is now 7.68. This is a TOD (Transit Oriented) project.
 - Work with NNUP to do job fairs and/or work to communicate in the nearby community when the affordable housing will become available to rent.
 - Affordable housing is at or below 60% AMI. DPD rep shared chart.
https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/depts/doh/provdrs/renters/svcs/ami_chart.html
 - There are sixty 1 bedroom convertible, fifty five 1 bedroom, and fourteen 2 bedroom units, for a total of 129 units. Building 10 stories. Mostly glass, Set back on Orleans to expand sidewalk space. Allow dogs in the building. 13 parking on the bottom floor - spaces accessed through the alleyway.
 - Down the street from the Next building. Next building also has parking that they are not using so the 330 W residents may be able to find parking in this building as well.
 - Apx 2300 sq ft of retail space. Normal retail might be a coffee shop or food place.
 - Projected Start Winter 2022, Complete Spring 2024.

- **There will be a mural on the back wall. Project would be happy to work with neighborhood partners on creating art for this space.**
- **Designated area for Loading, Ride Share, Garbage, Move in - move out, on Chestnut street closer to alley.**
- **Took a poll of people on call whether they would or would not recommend this project for the community. 89% voted to recommend the project.**

Upcoming Events and Announcements

- **April 3 - Community Easter Egg Hunt at Stanton Park**
- **April 6 - Bally Tribune community meeting**
- **April 14 - Seward PAC meeting, via Zoom, 6 pm**
- **April 19 - Stanton PAC meeting, via Zoom, 6 pm**
- **April 20 - Coffee with the Commander resumes**
- **April 25 - NNUP Monthly meeting, via Zoom, 6 pm**