



Near North Unity Program (NNUP)
Membership Meeting NOTES
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Monday, April 25, 2022

Virtual Zoom Meeting

Welcome & Introductions

- Review Zoom Question and Answer Guidelines
 - Presenters will provide details, please use Zoom chat to share info.
 - Live Zoom Link:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81655922162?pwd=czc5UWFxcndDODBIMzFHTk0vdjkxdz09>
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AGENDA

- State Representative
 - Lakesia Collins, Illinois 9th District
 - Discusses the recently passed Illinois State budget.
 - Green Construction items in the budget 195 million.
 - Replace lead water service lines 113 million
 - Public Safety 124 million to local Police for mental health, retention grant, witness protection, trauma recovery, vests, Youth Build Illinois
 - Financial Relief 1.0 billion
 - Education Pk-12 350 million for evidence based education funding, special education, education grants, training teachers, early childhood education, 5% to Higher education funding
 - Pension fund pay down unpaid bills 9.6 million.
 - 130 million for legal assistance for those facing eviction.
 - Health Care 180 million- reform bill where the Federal Government ties funding to bedside care in nursing homes. 20 million for public health preparedness
 - Governor Suspend food tax, freeze gas tax, double property tax rebate and sales tax holiday for buying school supplies.
 - <https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/budget/Documents/Budget%20Book/FY2022-Budget-Book/Fiscal-Year-2022-Operating-Budget.pdf>
- History Museum
 - Jessica Pushor, Head of Exhibits
 - Treasured Ten, Clothing of five designers Bates, Burrows, Kelly, Piper, Smith
 - April 9, 2022- June 16, 2023
 - 1601 N Cark open Tuesday - Sunday 9:30 -4:30.
 - Presentation of facts and visuals that show the work and life narrative of these five African American designers that influenced life in Chicago.

- **Bally's (Proposed Casino Tribune Site)**
 - **Ameet Patel, VP and Regional General Manager, West**
 - **Christopher Jewett, VP of Corporate Development**
 - **Bally's started in Chicago as a Pinball machine manufacturer.**
 - **Repurpose the unused Tribune 700 W Chicago as the temporary Casino. It will take one year or less to build.**
 - **Ballys has 16 Casinos.**
 - **Discuss traffic study. Community voices concerns about increase in traffic. Discuss comparison to current traffic from approved PD for the Tribune site. Details at <https://www.ballys.com/chicago/tribune-project.htm>**
 - **Permanent facility will take three years to build. Will have 500 slots, 40 tables, 3000 car parking on site, rooftop bar, comedy club**
 - **Hiring 60% minority, 45% women, 5% vet, 5% disabled**
 - **15,000 jobs construction and 2000 permanent jobs**
 - **Bally's will do an agreement with the union.**
 - **Minority contractor to build Casino.**

Upcoming Events and Announcements

- **May 12 - Seward PAC meeting, via Zoom, 6 pm**
- **May 17 - Stanton PAC meeting, via Zoom, 6 pm**
- **May 18 - Coffee with the Commander location TBD**
- **May 23 - NNUP Monthly meeting, via Zoom, 6 pm (moved from the 30th)**