



Near North Unity Program (NNUP)
Membership Meeting NOTES
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Monday, January 30, 2023

Virtual Zoom Meeting

Welcome & Introductions

- Review Zoom Question and Answer Guidelines
 - Presenters will provide details, please use Zoom chat to share info.
 - Join Zoom Meeting link below
 - <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86461716933?pwd=MEYzbTFmVXIEZ21vS1JlVzAxUWQrdz09>
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AGENDA

● Introductions

- Near North Library 310 W Division
 - Sharon Anderson, Branch Manager
 - As of September, not new to the neighborhood, Mom grew up 1012 N Sedgwick, Sicilian, Grew up in Lincoln Park Halsted and Armitage
 - Renovations New lighting, carpet, painting
 - The only full service library - 163 E Pearson Waterworks can pick up ordered books.
 - How is a library different from a google search, 81 libraries, want people to be able to walk to the library.
 - No fines anymore for late fees on books.
 - Traditional books to browse and then you can request any book to your local library. Don't have to travel. Can put a book on hold.
 - Library card provides ebooks, audio books, can read magazines, stream TV shows and music for free. Can use the library as an intermediary for downloads to kindles.
 - Can get a tip sheet at the library.
 - Free databases at the library, Wall street, New York times, Chicago Tribune, Consumer Reports, Research, Business Directories, Data Axle Reference, Ancestry library edition.
 - Passes to enter free into Chicago museums. Family up to 4. Check out a pass for a week. Have to return back to the library you check them out.
 - Club81 for schools. Students might not have a proper ID with a picture, Teens visiting libraries without parents. Club81 birthday, name of school. Can check out 5 books and can use databases.
 - At Near North Library - just starting to have people come back to the library after COVID and Renovations.
 - Wednesday Feb 8th at 6 pm. Swing Orchestra.
 - Wednesday Feb 8th 2-3 Drop in Free Resume help.

- Story time, Thursday at 10:30 Jan 12 - Feb 9th.
 - Early voting site for Ward 2. Feb 13 - Feb 28th.
 - Chicago Library app - can download and then check on Free General Admission Museum pass.
 - Look on website for events. Still lots of virtual programming.
 - Contact in the chat.
- **Ukrainian Refugee Information**
 - Carolyn Shoenberger, Executive Director of the Shoenberger Public Interest Law Foundation
 - Left City Hall, now work in public service
 - Russia invaded Ukraine. The Polish American Association received a Grant to help people coming into the US from Ukraine.
 - People came here and could stay for one year and are now waiting for immigration status to be renewed. Temporary Protected Status.
 - Can sponsor someone. Can provide food and shelter. United for Ukraine. Similar programs started for Cuba, Venezuela, Nicaragua refugees. 20 states sued to stop the program for People other than Ukraine.
 - Can apply to become a legal resident.
 - Program to learn English.
 - Want to work and support those back home, mostly older and men fighting.
 - What can you do? Job opportunities contact Polish American Association.
 - Information is in the chat. Polish.org
 - Looking for anyone who needs help with Work Authorizations and Sponsorships.
 - Federal Humanitarian Parole terminates in April.
- **Stanton Park (Parking Lot Project Update)**
 - Jolanda Bailey, Stanton Park PAC President
 - Chicago Park District, Playground Supervisor, Melissa Gonzales
 - Start paving PArking lot early April
 - Pavement of sidewalk and parking lot.
 - Park 598, Still waiting for the Department of Water and Seward with the vacated park of Ogden Ave.
 - Parking lot by the Church on Clybourn.
 - 3:30 - 4:30 Family Swim Saturday
 - 9-11 Pickleball Saturday
 - Chicago Social looking for Pickleball
- **Get Around Transportation**
 - Richard Chen, Partnership Development Coordinator
 - Not on call
- **330 W Chestnut Update (Changes DPD requested)**
 - Gordon Zeigenhagen, Senior Vice President Draper and Kramer
 - Kevin Cooky, Sponsor of intern
 - Charles Belt, Intern Senior at King College Prep, Coop works with Dra
 - Went back to the city and the city demanded several changes.
 - Went to Plan Commission in November and got approved.
 - NE corner of Orleans and Chestnut

- **Image compared side by side. Reviewed by DPD, DPD changed their minds and asked us to go back to the drawing board.**
 - **Reduce footprint for more green space**
 - **Break scale down, make building look like two building**
 - **Identify and mark the main entry of the building. Provide green space at the entrance.**
 - **North side of the building will have mural and DPD asked that they bring murals to the front of the building by the front entrance.**
 - **Top (9th) floor was residential and amenities now 9th all units and top floor (10th) has amenities.**
 - **Same FAR.**
 - **Increased parking spaces (13) and took out retail space.**
 - **Reduced studios and added 1 and 2 bedrooms.**
 - **Lost one unit in the building.**
 - **Single garage entry. Bike storage room.**
 - **One unit per floor removed.**
 - **Seeking Specialized financing, Start late fall 2023, units online early 2025.**
 - **City provided incorrect information in the noticing. City is revising to correct their mistake.**
 - **Construction jobs. 20% affordable onsite 26 ARO units.**
 - **Market rents - estimated rents not for sure.**
 - **\$2000 studio/\$2500 1 bdrm/\$3500 2 bedroom**
 - **Start collecting a list of those who want affordable housing.**
 - **Poll taken 93% in favor of changes, 7 % opposed. 14 voted.**

- **Jan 31 - Police 18th District Council Candidate Forum, Moody Church, 1635 N LaSalle, 6 pm (www.goldcoastneighbors.org) to register**
- **Feb 9 - Seward PAC, via, Zoom, 6 pm**
- **Feb 15 - Conversation with a Commander, Wintrust,**
- **Feb 21 - Stanton PAC, via, Zoom, 6 pm**
- **Feb 27 - Monthly Meeting, via Zoom, 6 pm**