



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

Virtual Zoom Meeting

Welcome & Introductions

- Review Zoom Question and Answer Guidelines
 - Presenters will provide details, please use Zoom chat to share info.
 - Zoom Live link for meeting:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84305374151?pwd=TzBKZHptNGRvZW9N.NjYyay8wV2Y4Zz09>
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AGENDA

- Cook County Board
 - Commissioner Bridget Degnen (Amelia assistant)
 - 330,000 people in district - just re-elected
 - Work with local politicians, Help neighbors with issues
 - Property tax, Assessor's office, look at property and PIN make sure you are getting all the exemptions you are entitled to. Can recoup fees. If filling out appeals please contact the office, don't have to pay an attorney. Appeal will affect future bills.
 - Transparency
 - 2023 Budget, County did not raise levy to raise tax bill, county line has not increased in 24 years. Using grants from Federal partners
 - Pass two amendments.
 - Two temporary auditor positions, Make sure 1 million dollars from Fed Rescue plan are used appropriately according to Federal guidelines.
 - Second amendment created emergency mental health responders. Create two positions. Not Sheriff sent but these responders sent in for people with mental health issues. Frees up law enforcement personnel.
 - Vehicle theft - Satellite office in River North - coordinate with 18th District.
 - Housing authority of Cook County. Works with CHA and works to make sure there's a US Department of Housing to support housing. Develop 800 new units of affordable housing in Arlington Heights and Skokie. Home Grants.
 - Support Veterans housing. Voucher program.
 - Housing is connected to health outcomes. Better health outcomes, better life outcomes.
 - Guaranteed Income program.
 - Cook County Health and Hospital system. Great resource. Has improved in the past 5 - 8 years. Can help people find health care options for people.

- 2023 block programs for sidewalks. Some homeowners who can't afford to put their sidewalks in. Looking for blocks of sidewalks that need repair.
- 7732837873. District12.cookcounty.gov,
- Delayed tax bills. New IT systems. Moving people off the old mainframe system.
- Homeless Conversations and Resources
 - Cook County Sheriff's Police Department
 - Meghann Cherie, Treatment Response Team Program Manager
 - History of the Team. The Treatment Team started in 2019 as a response to the opioid epidemic. Overdoses to connect families to services.
 - Chicago initiative, started in 15 CPS District. Engage at hotspots of overdoses so we could connect to naloxone. Follow up with 911 calls and connect with families.
 - Expanded program during COVID. Expand at the end of 2020.
 - Work in hand and hand with Sheriffs Police. Do telehealth for clinical support. Navigate through the mental health system. Safety net so they always have someone to contact
 - Spring of 2022. Increase in Public Safety issues. River North Satellite office.
 - Three times a week. We do outreach. Officers in 18th district - homeless population many times have substance abuse issues.
 - Provide narcan. Connect them to services. Help them connect to family and other resources. Looking for shelter.
 - Report back to families about their homeless family members.
 - Help petition people to hospitals. To get person help that they need.
 - Hand out cards will be available per request.
 - Lincoln Park Community Services (LPCS)
 - Cheryl Hamilton Hill, CEO
 - Know about the services that are being offered. Two locations. Lincoln Park Community and Sedgwick.
 - Increase in service 2200 individuals. 48 Sedgwick. 35 at Fullerton location.
 - Emergency overnight shelter. Converted an area brought in people off the street.
 - Bed to sleep in and shower, Breakfast, and sack lunch
 - Extend drop in 5 days a week in the afternoon.
 - Outreach on the street.
 - Operational the continuum of care. Build trust. Outreach. Drop in. People feel a comfort level.
 - Dr. Christopher Freed – Program Manager
 - Case management. Provide wrap around services. Intensive case management - defines outcome.
 - 96 individuals graduated and got their own housing.
 - Have cards to hand out for people to get services.
 - 3 case managers at Sedgwick, 2 case managers at Fullerton. Find housing and get employment to retain housing.
 - Reach housing and employment goals in 120 days if someone comes to site. Stability Set 30/60/90 day goals. So when a housing

opportunity comes they have savings from job to take advantage of housing.

- John Heger – Street Outreach Manager
 - First phase is to try to get the word out. Drop in and over nights. Building relationships to funnel into programs at Lincoln Park Community Services.
 - Meals, water, cooling, documentation - social security, medical records, clothing, food.
 - People seal themselves into their tents. Transition from meals and water to clothing and warming. Don't open up a tent unless the information is really important.
 - Donations - waterproof tent bottoms. Blankets.
- How to refer people to LPCS.
 - Receive guests through the 311 system. Some people through the Drop in program.
 - No waiting list per se. Beds can become available quickly but sometimes can be weeks. Depends on the guest's progression of program. Fluctuates. Can be weather dependent.
 - John - people can call and they can reach out. We try to get each person into shelter. People can be afraid of the shelter. Sometimes people don't want to follow rules. When people get here they don't want to leave.
 - Always looking for great people. Interested in employment.

- **Introductions**

- **Old Town Merchants and Residents Association (OTMRA)**
 - Marcy Huttas, Executive Director
 - Neighborhood Housing.
 - Pam Board President and Edema on Board
 - Founded in 1971, connect residents and community organizations to make Old Town. Sole service for SSA 48. Small area of tax levy where funds are used for beautification and safety.
 - Listening mission.
 - Wells street fest. Email list. Holiday party, next Tuesday, 5-7. Old Town.org
- **Chicago Lights**
 - Mark Dennison, Program Manager Chicago Light Tutoring
 - One to One mentoring 1958
 - Virtual Tutoring.
 - Recruit in neighborhoods. Pick up students on the bus and bring them to the church. Classes, hot dinner, mentors.
 - 1st to 12th graders.
 - Scholarship for High School, \$3000, teaches how to be an adult.
 - Career development program.
 - Services free. Have interns.
 - Tutors are trained. Long term tutors.

- **Nov 28 - NNUP Monthly meeting, 6 pm**
- **Dec 1 - Stop the Bleed, 18th District, 5:30 - 7:30 pm**
- **Dec 8 - Seward PAC, via, Zoom, 6 pm**
- **Dec 19 - NNUP Pizza Party and Near North Community Advocate Awards Ceremony, 1111 N Wells, 6 pm**
- **Dec 21 - Conversation with a Commander, 600 W Chicago, 10 am**