



Near North Unity Program (NNUP)  
Membership Meeting NOTES  
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm  
Monday, September 26, 2022

## Virtual Zoom Meeting

### Welcome & Introductions

- Review Zoom Question and Answer Guidelines
    - Presenters will provide details, please use Zoom chat to share info.
    - Zoom link:  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81444727333?pwd=OTd6aTVpWURCeDNvQ2RUeUUyL2RsZz09>
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### AGENDA

- Cook County (follow up from Bridget Degnen office)
  - Introduction Cat Sharp, Constituent Outreach Director
  - Can ask for assistance or to get a community meeting with the county States Attorney and Chief Judge
  - The Commissioner's office gets calls from people all the time. The office works with the community to help them connect with the Assessor's office to resolve questions about taxes.
    - Tax appeals, Board of Review,
    - Property taxes are delayed but will be out before the end of the year.
    - Prior Tax Appeals have to all be processed before new tax bills go out so the fall tax bills have been delayed.
- State of Illinois
  - 9th District State Representative Lakesia Collins
    - Updates
    - Discuss Safe-T Act
    - Young people incorrectly are being told you can commit a crime and not be held accountable. THIS is NOT TRUE. There is no purge law.
    - There is a lot of misinformation about the Safe-T act. There will not be a mass release of prisoners as of January 1. The law has been and is being amended as often is the case with all new laws.
    - Judges do have and will continue to have authority to hold people in jail if they believe the person is a risk
    - Example - two young people have a car accident after drinking - one person has money and can post bail but has had a lot of previous encounters with Police, the other young person has no resources to post bail and has no prior contact with Police - why should the person with no record have to stay in jail awaiting trial and the other person who has committed offenses be let go because they can pay bond?

- **Chicago Public Schools**
  - **Karime Asaf, CPS Chief Network 4**
  - **Jerry Travlos, CPS Deputy Chief Network 4**
    - **CPS gave a presentation that discussed Network 4 schools that illustrated the amount and type of schools that are in the Network. Language schools, Neighborhood schools, and a new PreK program in Lincoln Park.**
    - **Manierre, Skinner North, and Franklin are schools in the Network that are in the NNUP area.**
    - **Equity of resources is important. CPS is using real time practice data to measure student well being, connectedness, and belonging. After Pandemic students need to be supported.**
    - **Looking at Students, Teachers, and Content**
    - **Some schools in the area are being supported with extra resources.**
    - **Safety concerns**
      - **Manierre and Franklin both are getting two new crossing guards. Manierre already has hired one of the guards. Other person is waiting for CPS to finish processing.**
  - **Berinice Ponds, Family and Community Engagement Office (FACE)**
    - **Time ran out before Ms Ponds could speak.**
  - **Mayra Winding, Assistant Director for the office of Local School Council Relations**
    - **Local School Councils work within schools. Schools in the area have Community spots open as well as if you're a Parent or Teacher or Staff you can be on the LSC.**
    - **LSC elections just happened. Terms are 2 years.**
  
- **NNUP**
  - **Update from 8/29 community meeting about Open land use in the Community**
  - **Responses received from CHA, CPD, and the Park District**
    - **Presentation that outlined actions.**
      - **Letters have been sent from RNRA and NNUP to Commander Hein, the CHA Board, and the Park District Board.**
        - **Letters were received and NNUP spoke with the Park District about concerns of Park lands and submitted a letter for public record for the 9/14 Board meeting.**
        - **The community letter for CHA was delivered at the CHA 9/20 Board meeting.**
      - **NNUP has been told by CHA they will come to a future meeting to present what their complete plan is for misuse of CHA open space in the community.**

### **Upcoming Events and Announcements**

- **Sept 29 - NNUP Fundraiser, look for information in Community News newsletter, FB, and twitter**
- **Oct 13 - Seward PAC meeting, via Zoom, 6 pm**
- **Oct 18 - Stanton PAC meeting, via Zoom, 6 pm**
- **Oct 19 - 18th District Paper Shred Event**

- **Oct 22 - 18th District Dog Vaccine and Adoption Event**
- **October 19th is the next CPD Conversations with the Commander, event will be at Walgreens, 845 W Armitage**