



Near North Unity Program (NNUP)
Membership Meeting NOTES
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Monday, April 24, 2023

In Person Meeting
Cornerstone Center, 1111 N Wells

Welcome & Introductions

- Review Question and Answer Guidelines

AGENDA

- Chicago Public Schools
 - Dr Tinishi Davis, Principal of the George Manierre School
 - Ms Bradley and Ms McCardy and Ms Lawson and Ms Scott present.
 - Motto Success starts here. Dr Davis and her Team from Manierre and Ferguson Child Center gave a recap of services that are available at the school and Parent Center at Fergeson. Parent Center works to support Parents (jobs, parenting skills, family resources) and their pre-K students. 4 year old Pre-k.
Parents looking for Pre-K in the community should consider Ferguson.
 - Address 1420 N Hudson. Phone [773\) 534-8456](tel:7735348456).
 - Manierre has many programs for students and is organized around CPS's 6 pillars/goals.
 - Spanish language offered to students, as well as CPS tutors available, STEM programs, Financial Literacy, there's 2 Counselors, and a Student Sensory room.
 - There is a LSC vacancy. Please consider applying.
 - School needs backpacks with supplies inside for their June 2 Field Day. Contact school.
- Chicago Park District
 - Introduce Ariel Hernandez, New Stanton Park Supervisor
 - Spoke to the community about programs at the park.
 - Working with local students to make sure they know about Park District job opportunities. Need lifeguards. Park needs more staff to accomplish expanded programming for the community. Opportunity for Junior counselors 13-15 year olds.
 - Park Kids has 40 kids.
 - Swimming classes are full.
 - There will be Day Camp, 9-3 with extended camp 3-5 pm. Camp is \$200 for 6 weeks. Scholarships for CHA.
 - Facilities are rented out fully at Park.

- Community communicates they would like to make sure students and teens and children in the community can access the local parks in the community.
 - Community asks why are Parks not open on Sunday or later on Saturday when teens really need a safe place to be.
- **Near North Youth Outreach and Services**
 - **Project Education Plus (PEP)**
 - <https://projecteducationplus.org/>
 - Vince Carter
 - PEP has been in the community since 1980.
 - Programs After School Academic programs, Summer Camp, STEM programming, Demons Baseball and Demons Basketball.
 - PEP is hosting several Hoops in the Hood at Stanton and Seward Park over the Summer 2023. Including some girls only events like Girls got Game. Events will be from 5-8 pm. Schedule was given out at the meeting and will be posted in the NNUP newsletter.
 - Also has Senior programming every Wednesday at St Matthew and/or Holy Family
 - **Art on Sedwick**
 - <http://www.artonsedgwick.org/>
 - Charlie Branda
 - Art for children and teens, including After School and Summer programs with After School Matters.
 - Discussion of how to be part of the Old Town Protraint Project. Please send in a photo to be included in the project where photos will be mounted on small boxes and then stacked to create an art installation. Pictures will be our neighbors in the area.
 - Will be opening new gallery space so art can be displayed and purchased.
 - You Make this Place Beautiful. Then a poem is read that encapsulates the importance of art as a community conduit for healing.
 - **Youth for a Better Future**
 - <https://www.youthforabetterfuture.org/>
 - Adem Aluka
 - Uses Fashion and STEM/Tech building to lift up youth in the community. There are After School programs 3-7 pm, Girls Dance group, and there will be a Summer Camp.
 - Discussion about the YFBF creation of tshirts by students who learned the tech to create the illustration, print it on the shirts, and then the process to market and sell the \$25 graphic tshirts. This illustrates how inclusive education can be used in the community.
 - Volunteers are always welcome. Students in programs are 7-18 normally.
 - Collecting money for Scholarships for students who will be off to college.
- **April 25 - Stanton PAC, via, Zoom, 6 pm (date change)**
- **May 11 - Seward PAC meeting, 375 W Elm, 6 pm**

- **May 16 - Beat Meeting 1822/23, Holy Family Church 542 W Hobbie, 5 and 6 pm**
- **May 22 - NNUP Monthly Meeting, via Zoom, 6 pm (one week early)**
- **May 29 - Memorial Day**